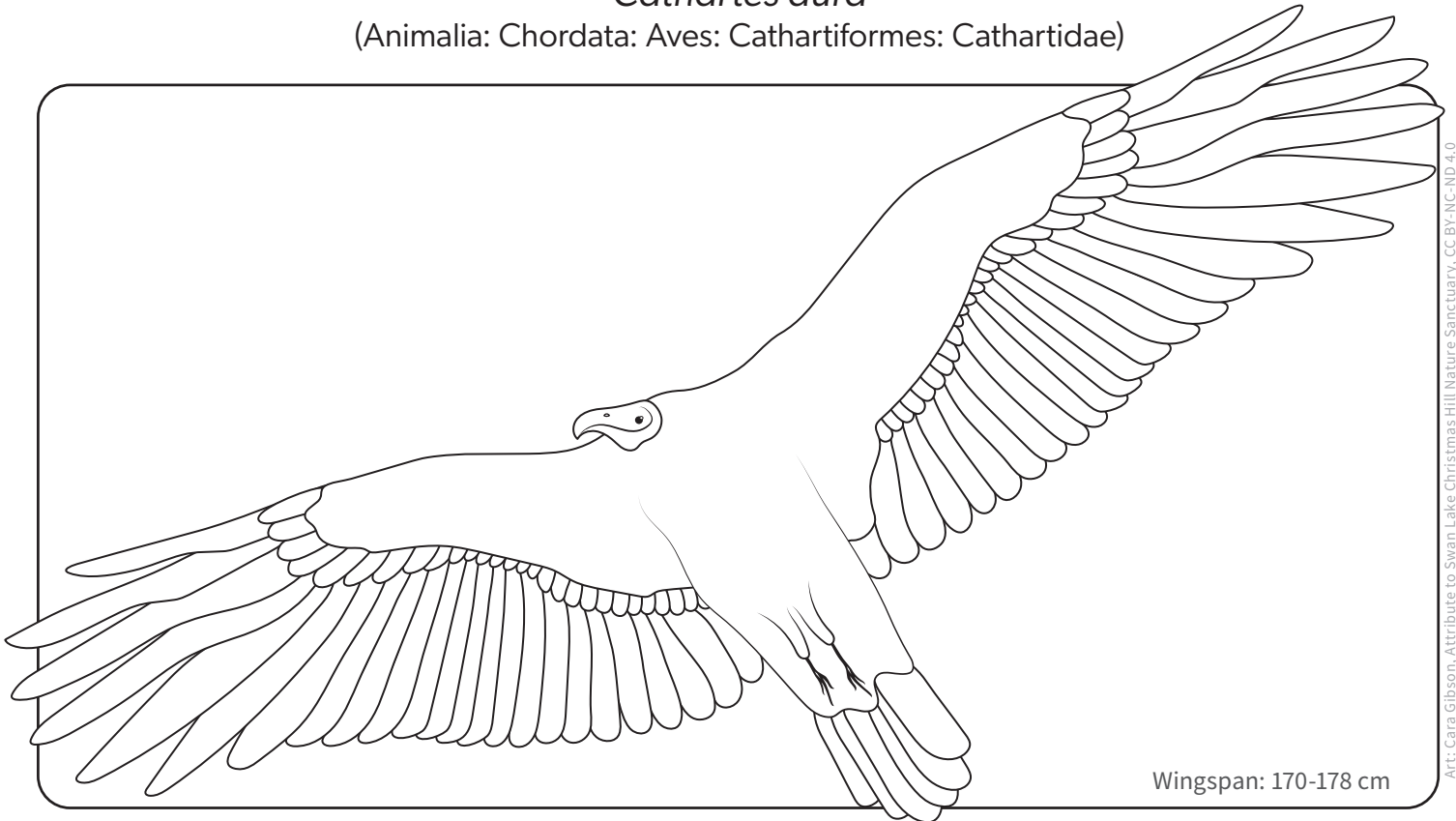


TURKEY VULTURE

Cathartes aura

(Animalia: Chordata: Aves: Cathartiformes: Cathartidae)



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DID YOU KNOW?

- Turkey Vultures rely on warm thermal winds to carry them during migration. In fall, large groups of turkey vultures, called “kettles”, circle upward to gain altitude and wait for the right winds to fly south.
- While some Turkey Vultures live year-round in the southern United States, the northern birds seen on Vancouver Island migrate long distances, with some reaching South America.
- Turkey Vultures can travel over 300 km in one day!

We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional lands and waterways we work, learn and play, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

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