

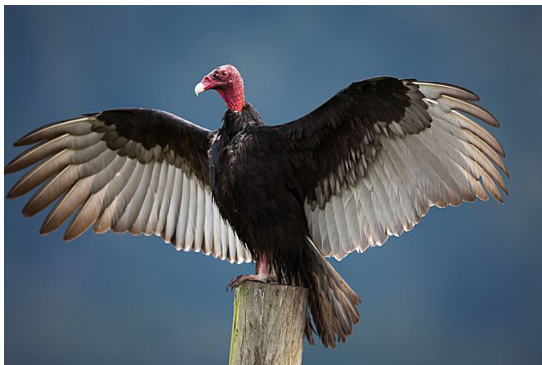
# Creature Card #4

## Turkey Vulture



The turkey vulture is a scavenger. It is related to the stork - its feet resembling a chicken instead of a hawk or an eagle. Its talons are useless for ripping into prey, but their powerful beaks tear through the toughest cow hide.

- The naked red heads of adult turkey vultures prevent bits of carrion (flesh of dead animals) from adhering to the skin as they would to feathers.
- It uses urohydrolysis, urinating on its legs, to help cool off and kill bacteria.



- The turkey vulture above is in a “horaltic pose”. It’s sunbathing to increase its body temperature after a cool night and dry its feathers.
- It will vomit to protect itself from predators. That also quickly reduces its weight so it can take off easier.



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