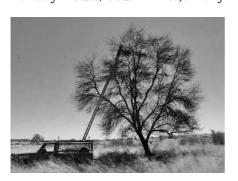
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## African White-backed Vultures nesting in Acacia trees

During the past four years a concerted effort has been made to ring African White-backed Vulture *Gyps africanus* nestlings in the area to the east of Windhoek, Namibia. During the ringing expeditions we have come across several nests in tree species that are not mentioned in "The vultures of Africa" (Mundy, P, Butchart, D, Ledger, J. & Piper, S. 1992. *The Vultures of Africa*. Acorn Books, Randburg, & Russel Friedman Books, Halfway House, South Africa). Many



of the nests are along ephemeral river courses where the dominant tree species is *Acacia karroo* (sweet thorn), but we have also found nests in *A. haematoxylon* (grey camel-thorn) and *A. mellifera* (black-thorn acacia)



Table 1. Species, number and minimum and maximum height of trees utilised by African White-backed Vultures in the area to the east of Windhoek. Namibia

Tree species	n	Min height (m)	Max height (m)
A. karroo	19	8.9	15.5
A. haematoxylon	6	7.0	11.0
A. mellifera	2	10.0	10.5

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