

# Surveying the Survivor

## The Last Eagle Species of Cyprus



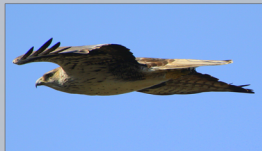
Until 2010 it was assumed that Bonellis Eagles in the Five Finger Mountains were all but extinct.

Working with local bird photographers KUŞKÖR began to monitor known nest sites and to find new ones.

Since 2011, 12 nests have been found and with the support of Ornithological Society of the Middle East (OSME) we established an annual census.

Though the population is larger than once thought, it is by no means secure. Our studies have highlighted threats to Bonellis Eagles including:

- illegal poisoning targeting dogs and foxes in agriculture which is of chief concern for this species, other potential (and regionally extinct) breeding and for migrant raptors
- illegal hunting
- electrocution in power lines



In our region Bonellis eagles appear to mostly forage on rats and as such the birds are an asset in agriculture, a fact that we can use to lobby for their conservation.

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