



Summary of the Alpine Bearded Vulture Observation Days 2006

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Observations on the 4th of November 2006

SW-Alps

Mercantour:

Massif du Mounier (release place)	2 adults
La Vésubie	1(-2) adult
La Haute-Ubaye	2 adults (couple)
other: Monaco (BV 452-2005) and Michegabri (BV488-2006)	2 immat. & juv.

SW-Italian Alps:

Provincia di Cuneo (19 observer)	1
immat.	
(Valle Gesso)	1 subad.
(Val Maira)	1 adult
(Val Varaita)	1 adult
Provincia di Torino (>26 observer)	
(Valle Susa)	1 adult
(Valle Dell'Orco)	1(-2) adult
	1 juvenil
St. Barthélémy Valley	1 adult

Remark P.Fasce: An adult observed in Valle Grande (Lanzo - Torino) has been observed on the 3rd of November by Maurizio Chiereghin just one moment above the crest between Italy and France, coming from and going back to Vanoise (F).

Ecrins & Queyras: (~100 observer/41places)

A single observation was reported at "col du Parpaillon". A ringed bird with black head (age at least 3years) came from "la vallée de l'Ubaye" into "la vallée de Crévoux" (see below).

1 immature

Vanoise:

Maurienne (20 observer/17places)	
Termignon	2 adults (couple)
Lanslevillard	1 (dark head)
	1 adult
other: Cuneobirding (BV491-2006)	1 juvenil
Tarentaise (22 observer/16places)	
Val d'Isere	2 adults (couple)
Peisey-Nancroix	2 adults (couple)
Bourg St Maurice	(1 adult?)
	2 immat. no marks
Pralognan-La-Vanoise	1 subadult
	1 unmarked immat.



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Haute-Savoie: (~48 observer)

Aravis (copulation observed)

Bargy

Arve-Giffre

2(-3) adults (couple)

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1 juv. (no mark)

1 immat. (no mark)

1 adult (white)

Bauges (no birds)

Valais (20 places):

6 adults

1 subadult

1 2.year

1 juvenile

Zentral-Alps

Graubünden:

Engadin

2 juv./immat.

2 indetermind

Trupchun

1 adult

Rest of Südtirol (22 observer):

no birds on the 4th of November but see below!

Stelvio NP (40 observer/28 places):

Lombardy sector (nests occupied in four territories)

(Zufall BV 493)

unmarked birds

6 adults

1 juvenile

1 juv./immat.

2 indetermind

may be Natura?

1 immature

NE-Alps

Hohe Tauern- Osttirol:

on the northern slopes of the Alps very bad weather conditions!

(Doraja BV 465)

(Escalero BV 462)

(Nicola BV 138)

1 immature

1 immature

1 adult

2 (-3) adults

Summary 2006

All observations on 4th of November have been summarised in the table below. In case the differentiation between to adults was not 100% sure 0,5 birds have been counted. In total 70 birds could be individually identified throughout the Alps.

age class	indeterm	de juvenil	juv./immat.	immature	subadult	adult	sum
Mercantour			2			5,5	7,5
SW-Italien Alps		1				1 5,5	7,5
Ecrins				1			1
Vanoise		1	1	3	1	7,5	13,5
Haute Savoie		1		1		7,5	9,5
Valais		1		1	1	6	9
Graubünden	2		2			1	5
Südtirol Rest							0
Stelvio Lombardia	2	1	1	1		6	11
Hohe Tauern				2		3,5	5,5
sum							69,5

In a separat table the number of observed birds has been summarised for each class of age. The dominance of adult birds is most certainly biased by the distribution of observer. However the high number of birds in reproductive age is promising and we might expect a new maximum of reproduction this winter.

age class	number
Indetermind	4
Juvenil	5
Juv./Immat.	6
Immature	9
Subadult	3
Adult	42,5
Sum	69,5

Additional observations short before or after the 4th of November 2006

Because weather conditions have been fairly bad in the north eastern parts of the Alps during the regular count the most interesting observations have been summarised also for a short period before and after the count. Some additional birds have been observed. The actual estimate of the total population is estimated to be 110-12 birds.

29.10.2006:

Elferspitze (Reschenpaß, ITA-AUT) → **one adult**

1.11.2006:

Val di Rhemes → **Sallanches** (BV 460) and one **wild offspring (2006)**

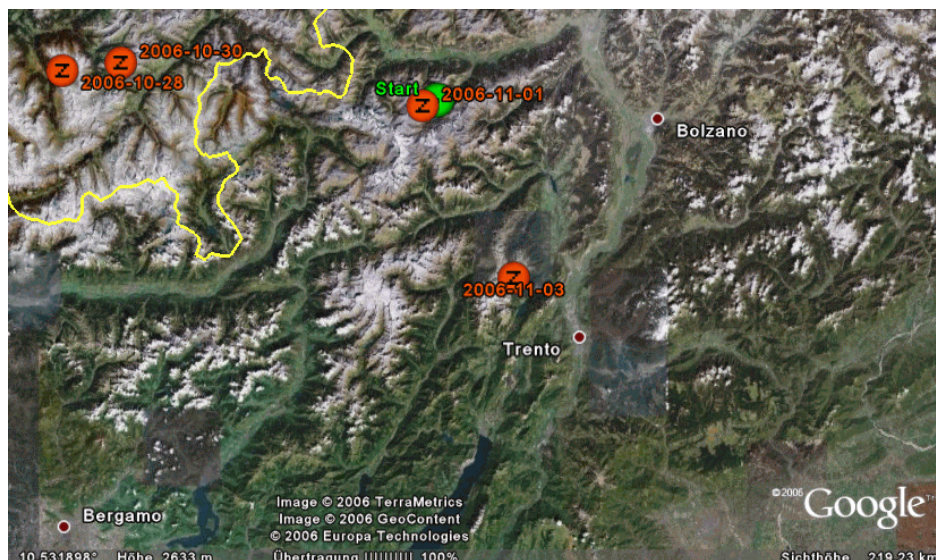
2.11.2006:

Runhöfe - Matschertal (ITA) → **one adult**

Upper Engadin → **Zufall** (BV 493) at 12:15

3.11.2006

According to the satellite data **Zufall** (BV 493) was 90km east in Trento (see figure of D.Hegglin below)



Ceresole → **one adult** bird has been observed and on the following days (a second one has been only supposed, but not confirmed).

5.11.2006:

Aravis/Haute Savoie (F) → **Swaro** (BV459)

Val di Rhemes → **Sallanches** (BV 460), **Montecarlo** (BV 455) and a **young without marks**.

07.11.2006:



Gondaalpe - Matschertal (ITA) **one adult** (same bird see 2nd of November in Südtirol)

09.&10.11.2006:

Weitenbergalm in Pfunders (ITA) → **Temperatio** (BV 495).

In Vanoise a minimum of 20 different bird has been observed between December 2005 and September 2006.

Switzerland (one week before and after the 4th of November):

Zufall (BV 493), Folio (BV 463) and another adult bird???

Austria (one week before and after the 4th of November):

Portobello (BV 497), Tauernwind (BV 498), 2 adults of the pair Gastein, at least 3 immature birds, one adult in Pöllatal, one adult in Ötztaler Alpen. Maybe two more adults in the Silvretta massif and in Styria.

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