

American Crow *Corvus brachyrhynchos*



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The American Crow is a highly adaptable and social bird that lives just about anywhere and eats just about anything. Though they have one of the worst reputations of just about any bird, they are very intelligent and are capable of solving problems.

Description

Size and Shape- Large bird with long legs and a stout bill.

Color Pattern- Glossy black all around, even the beak and legs.

Behavior- Crows are highly sociable and can form very large winter roosts. They are intelligent and resourceful, capable of identifying unusual sources of food and work together to chase away enemies and solve problems.

Song- Highly-recognizable caw-caw.

Habitat- Very highly adaptable—known to live in all settings, including cities, farmland, landfills, city parks, golf courses, cemeteries, etc. and are tolerant of human presence.

Range- Year-round in most parts of the US. Migrate to Canada for breeding season.

Diet- Omnivorous and eats just about anything—invertebrates, human food, seeds, eggs, nuts, fruits, grains, corn, wheat, berries, small aquatic animals, small vertebrates, and garbage.

Bird Statistics

Scientific name- *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

Family- Corvidae

Conservation Status- Least concern

Length- 15.7-20.9 in (40-53 cm)

Wingspan- 33.5-39.4 in (85-100 cm)

Weight- 11.1-21.9 oz (316-620 g)

Egg Statistics

Color- Pale blue-green with brown splotches

Nest- Twigs lined with pine needles, soft bark, weeds, and animal hair

Clutch size- 3-9 eggs

Number of broods- 1-2

Length- 1.4-1.9 in (3.6-4.7 cm)

Width- 1-1.2 in (2.6-3.1 cm)

Incubation period- 16-18 days

Nestling period- 20-40 days

References

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