



Jackdaw. Adult (28-V).

WESTERN JACKDAW (*Coloeus monedula*)

IDENTIFICATION

30-31 cm. Black plumage, with grey neck-side and nape; black bill and legs.



Jackdaw. Pattern of head and neck.

SIMILAR SPECIES

Its small size and grey neck-side and nape make this species unmistakable among **Crows**.

SEXING

Both sexes alike in plumage. **Male** generally larger than **female**, but there is much overlap and geographical variation.

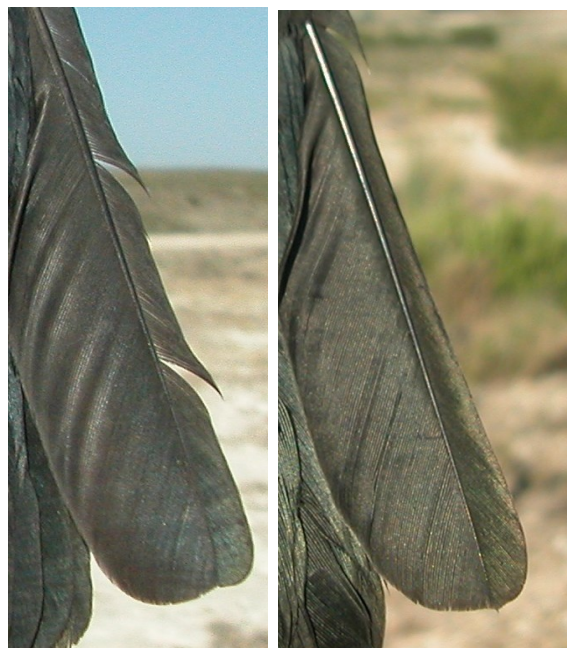
AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

Juvenile with fresh plumage; greyish crown with little contrast with nape; outer tail feather with rounded tip.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with dull blackish-brown **juvenile** wing and tail feathers contrasting with moulted glossy black lesser coverts and body feathers; worn flight and tail feathers.

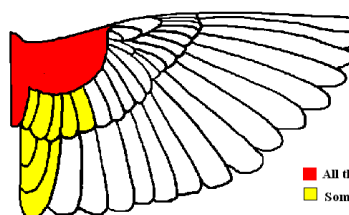
Adult with fresh and glossy black plumage on wing and tail, without moult limits; outer tail feather with forked tip; dark crown contrasting with nape.



Jackdaw. Ageing. Pattern of tip of the outermost tail feather: left adult; right juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult confined to body feathers, lesser coverts and some median wing coverts; usually finished in October.



Jackdaw. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

■ All the specimens
■ Some specimens

PHENOLOGY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

■ Summer visitor ■ Resident
■ Wintering ■ On passage

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Jackdaw. 2nd year (11-III).



Jackdaw.
Breast pattern:
top adult (12-VI);
middle 2nd year (11-III);
bottom juvenile (28-VI)



Jackdaw. Juvenile (28-VI).



Jackdaw.
Head pattern
and iris colour:
top adult (12-VI);
middle 2nd year (11-III);
bottom juvenile (28-VI)



Jackdaw. Tail wear
and pattern of the
outermost tail feather:
top left adult (28-V);
top right 2nd year (11-III);
left juvenile (28-VI).



Jackdaw. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (28-V); top right 2nd year (11-III); left juvenile (28-VI)



Jackdaw. Adult: pattern of alula (27-IV).



Jackdaw. 2nd year: pattern of alula (11-III).



Jackdaw. Juvenile: pattern of alula (28-VI).



Jackdaw. Adult: pattern of wing (27-IV).



Jackdaw. 2nd year: pattern of wing (11-III).



Jackdaw. Juvenile: pattern of wing (28-VI).