

15670 Carrion Crow (*Corvus corone*)



Carrion Crow. Adult (20-X).

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IDENTIFICATION

43-47 cm. Black plumage; squared tail; black bill and legs.



Carrion Crow. Pattern of bill and tail.



SIMILAR SPECIES

This species recalls that of **Raven**, which has a bigger size (51-63 cm) and edge of tail is wedge-shaped.



Raven

SEXING

Both sexes alike in plumage. Size can be helpful with extreme birds: **male** with wing longer than 335 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 300 mm.

AGEING

3 age classes can be recognized:

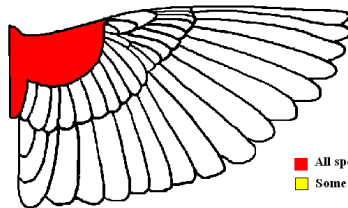
Juvenile with fresh plumage; black colour without bright; inside of upper mandible pinkish.

1st year autumn/2nd year spring with dull blackish-brown **juvenile** wing and tail feathers contrasting with moulted glossy black feathers; worn flight and tail feathers; inside of upper mandible with pinkish areas.

Adult with fresh and glossy black plumage on wing and tail, without moult limits; inside of upper mandible totally dark.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, all lesser and median coverts, usually some inner greater coverts (sometimes from none to all) and often central pair of tail feathers; some birds extend their moult to some tertials; finished in October.



Carrion Crow. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

PHENOLOGY

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

- Summer visitor
- Resident
- Wintering
- On passage

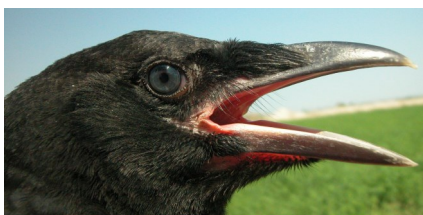
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Carrion Crow. 2nd year (30-III)



Carrion Crow. Juvenile (18-VI)

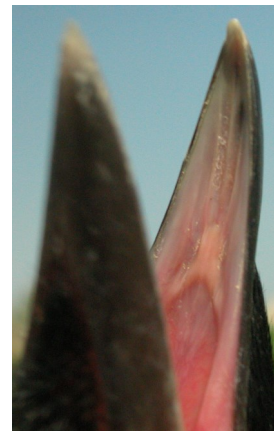


Carrion Crow. Iris colour: top adult (20-X); bottom 2nd year (30-III).

Carrion Crow. Iris colour: top juvenile (18-VI); bottom young (12-VI).



Carrion Crow. Inside of upper mandible: left adult (22-V); right 2nd year (18-II)



Carrion Crow. Inside of upper mandible: left juvenile (18-VI); right young (12-VI).



Carrion Crow. Breast pattern: top left adult (31-III); top right 2^o year (30-III); left juvenile (18-VI).

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Carrion Crow. Adult: pattern of alula (20-X).



Carrion Crow. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (31-III); top right 2nd year (30-III); left juvenile (18-VI).



Carrion Crow. 2nd year: pattern of alula (30-III).



Carrion Crow. Tail pattern: top left adult (31-III); top right 2nd year (30-III); left juvenile (18-VI).



Carrion Crow. Juvenile: pattern of alula (18-VI).



Carrion Crow. Adult: pattern of wing (20-X).



Carrion Crow. 2nd year: pattern of wing (30-III).



Carrion Crow. Juvenile: pattern of wing (18-VI).