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#### 415 Northern Raven



Raven. Adult. 5 de mayo.

### **NORTHERN RAVEN** (Corvus corax)

### **IDENTIFICATION**

54-67 cm. Black plumage; wedge-shaped tail; black bill and legs.



Raven. Pattern of bill and tail.



#### SIMILAR SPECIES

This species recalls that of Carrion Crow, which has a smaller size (43-47 cm) and tail with rounded edge.



#### SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

### AGEING

3 age groups 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 November. Partial **postjuvenile** moult, mostly confined to body feathers and lesser and median wing coverts; occasionally some birds extend their moult to inner greater coverts and/or tertials; usually finished in October.



Raven. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

### PHENOLOGY

Ι	Π	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Х	XI	XII

#### STATUS IN ARAGÓN

Resident. Widely distributed throughout the Region, absent only in small areas in Caspe, La Litera and southwestern Teruel.



Raven. 2nd year (26-III)

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Raven. Juvenile (28-VII)





Raven. Inside of upper mandible: left young (29-V); right juvenile (28-VII).





Raven. Iris colour: top adult (05-V); bottom 2nd year (26-III).





Raven. Inside of upper mandible: left 2nd year (26-III); right adult (05-V).





Raven. Iris colour: top juvenile (28-VII); bottom young (29 -V).







Raven. Breast pattern: top left adult (05-V); top right 2nd year (26-III); left juvenile (28-VII).

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Raven. Tail wear: top left adult (05-V); top right 2nd year (26-III); left juvenile (28-VII).



Raven. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (05-V); top right 2nd year (26 -III); left juvenile (28-VII).



Raven. Adult: pattern of alula (05-V).

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Raven. 2nd year: pattern of alula (26-III).



Raven. Juvenile: pattern of wing (28-VII).



Raven. Juvenile: pattern of alula (28-VII).



Raven. Adult: pattern of wing (05-V).



Raven. 2nd year: pattern of wing (26-III).