

15720 Northern Raven (*Corvus corax*)



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.



Carrion Crow

SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike.

AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

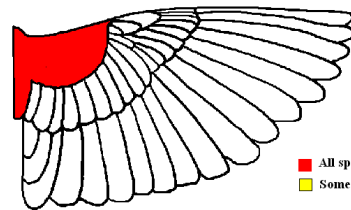
Juvenile with fresh plumage; black colour without bright; inside of upper mandible pinkish.

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

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

- Summer visitor
- Wintering
- Resident
- On passage



Raven. 2nd year (26-III)

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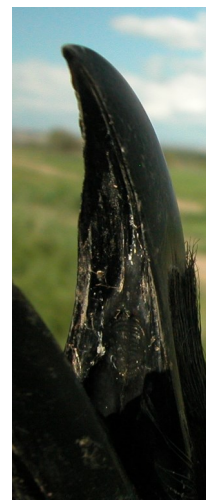
Raven. Juvenile (28-VII)



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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