

Bird of the Month - January

Common Raven

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IDENTIFICATION

- Males and females look alike
- Larger than any of our hawks but smaller than our eagles
- Black all over
- Large, heavy bill
- Slanted forehead
- Ravens make many vocalizations but the most common is a deep, drawn-out croak very unlike the high pitched short “caw” of a crow

FOOD

- Anything and everything
- At any one time, a single bird may spend part of its day as an herbivore, a carnivore and a scavenger

PREDATORS

- Few predators are fierce enough or smart enough to stalk and kill a raven

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BEHAVIORS AND FUN FACTS

- Ravens are not as social as crows, most often seen singly or in pairs
- Ravens hop from place to place while crows walk like most other birds
- Very adaptable living in almost every environment from Alaska to Mexico
- Some people rank the ravens among the most intelligent birds in the world
- Though thought of as a scavenger (and rightly so), Ravens are active predators that raid the nest colonies of other birds

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