

# COMMON RAVEN

**Scientific name:** *Corvus corax*

**PLUMAGE:** ALL BLACK

**WEIGHT:** UP TO 2.6LBS

**CALL:** "CROOOAAAK", "CR-R-RUCK", "TOK", & "WONK-WONK"

**BEAK:** LARGER & HEAVIER

**FEATHERS:** LONG NARROW WINGS & A WEDGED SHAPED TAIL

# RAVEN OR CROW?



# AMERICAN CROW

**Scientific name:** *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

**PLUMAGE:** ALL BLACK

**WEIGHT:** UP TO 1LBS

**CALL:** "CAW-CAW" OR AN "AWK"

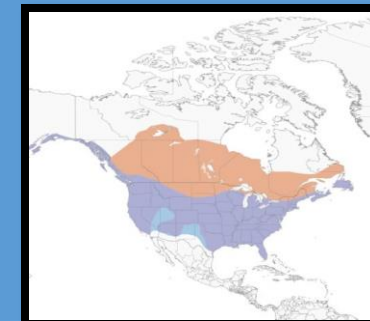
**BEAK:** SMALLER & STRAIGHTER

**FEATHERS:** BROAD WINGS & A SHORT FAN-SHAPED TAIL

- ❖ The Common Raven is nearly three times larger than the American Crow!
- ❖ They are typically seen soaring high in the sky, and frequently seen in pairs.
- ❖ On the ground ravens tend to hop on both feet with a bit of strut.



- ❖ The American Crow is quite small in comparison to the Common Raven.
- ❖ Crows are very social birds and are often seen in large groups called communal roosts.
- ❖ On the ground Crows will hop and walk, but do not have a strut.



The intended audience for this informational artifact is older children from a 8<sup>th</sup> grade level to adults. This is an exhibition label you might see at the National Aviary, or at a wild bird sanctuary somewhere with the purpose of informing people on how to tell a crow from a raven.

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