

Jasey's Bird House

American Crow



Hi Neighbors, I was in the parking lot a week or two ago and a little before dusk 10 or more crows came flying over my head. They were flying very low and it felt like I could touch them. It was an amazing experience and I wanted to share with you one of my newest favorite birds. Jasey

AMERICAN CROW

Corvus brachyrhynchos

Size: 18" (45 cm)

Male: All-black bird with black bill, legs, feet. Can have purple sheen in direct sunlight.

Female: Same as male

Juvenile: Same as adult

Eggs: 4-6; bluish to olive green with brown markings

Migration: non-migrator to partial migrator

Food: fruit, insects, mammals, fish, carrion, will come to seed and suet feeders

Info from Birds of Colorado by Stan Tekiela



Watercolor by Jasey

Viewing Tips:

Look for them in open places near patches of woods and in human modified landscapes like cities and parks.



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- 1. American Crows congregate in large numbers in winter roosts. These roosts can be from a few hundred to 2 million birds.**
- 2. Young crows don't breed until they are a few years old so they will help their parents raise new babies for several years. Families may have up to 15 individuals and young from 5 different years.**
- 3. Though their bills are large, crows can't even break the skin of a gray squirrel.**
- 4. Crows use tools. Examples: using a cup to carry water, shaping a piece of wood and sticking it into a fence post in search of food, and breaking off pieces of pine cone to drop on tree climbers near a nest.**
- 5. The oldest recorded wild crow was at least 16 years, 4 months old when it was recaptured and released during a banding operation in New York. A captive crow, also in New York, lived to be 59 years old.**