

Living With Wildlife: CROWS & RAVENS



Note: *Corvids are highly intelligent omnivores that help control pest insects and “clean up” dead animals and other organic material.*

ISSUE - GETTING INTO THE GARBAGE

- Cover garbage cans with secure lids.
- Build a box or enclosure for garbage cans with a closing top to make it harder for animals to pry the lids off (this works for raccoons as well).
- Keep garbage cans inside a garage until pick-up day.
- Place heavy rocks or bricks on top of the cans.
- Use garbage cans that are designed to be “bear-proof.”



ISSUE - EATING FRUIT CROPS

- Cover bushes or trees with flexible bird netting. A 4- inch mesh will keep crows out, but not smaller birds.
 - **Caution:** The netting should be stretched tight, as birds can become entangled in loose netting and be severely injured. Remove after fruit has been harvested.
- Put up mylar scare streamers, balloons, tapes, scarecrows, flags or old CDs strung on a thin line as temporary protection until fruit is ripe.
- Use recorded crow distress or warning calls to keep them away from the immediate area.
- Installing owl nesting boxes may help attract predators that will scare away any unwanted birds.