



NORTH AMERICAN ANIMALS

# American Crows





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**Blastoff! Readers** are carefully developed by literacy experts and combine standards-based content with developmentally appropriate text.

**Level 1** provides the most support through repetition of high-frequency words, light text, predictable sentence patterns, and strong visual support.

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## What Are American Crows?



American crows are smart and social birds. They are found in fields, forests, backyards, and city garbage dumps.

## In the Wild



American crow range =   
conservation status: least concern

Extinct

Extinct in  
the Wild

Critically  
Endangered

Endangered

Vulnerable

Near  
Threatened

Least  
Concern

Their loud **caws** are heard throughout much of the United States. They also live in southern Canada.

## Size of an American Crow



American crows have black feathers, beaks, and feet. They **molt** their shiny feathers each summer.

These birds move their rounded wings in a rowing motion to fly. They grow up to 21 inches (53 centimeters) long.



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