

# 412 Western Jackdaw

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Jackdaw. Adult (28-V).

## WESTERN JACKDAW (*Coloeus monedula*)

### IDENTIFICATION

30-31 cm. Black plumage, with grey neck-side and nape; black bill and legs.



Jackdaw. Pattern of head and neck.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

Its small size and grey neck-side and nape make this species unmistakable among **Crows**.

### SEXING

Both sexes alike in plumage. **Male** generally larger than **female**, but there is much overlap and geographical variation.

### AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with fresh plumage; greyish crown with little contrast with nape; outer tail feather with rounded tip.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with dull blackish-brown **juvenile** wing and tail feathers contrasting with moulted glossy black lesser coverts and body feathers; worn flight and tail feathers.

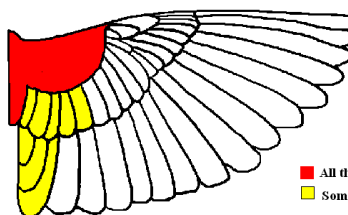
**Adult** with fresh and glossy black plumage on wing and tail, without moult limits; outer tail feather with forked tip; dark crown contrasting with nape.



Jackdaw. Ageing. Pattern of tip of the outermost tail feather: left adult; right juvenile.

### MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult confined to body feathers, lesser coverts and some median wing coverts; usually finished in October.



Jackdaw. Extent of postjuvenile moult.

■ All the specimens  
■ Some specimens

### PHENOLOGY

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

### STATUS IN ARAGÓN

Sedentary. Widely distributed throughout the Region, absent from the mountainous areas.

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Jackdaw. 2nd year (11-III).



Jackdaw.  
Breast pattern: top adult (12-VI); middle 2nd year (11-III); bottom juvenile (28-VI)



Jackdaw. Juvenile (28-VI).



Jackdaw.  
Head pattern and iris colour: top adult (12-VI); middle 2nd year (11-III); bottom juvenile (28-VI)



Jackdaw. Tail wear and pattern of the outermost tail feather: top left adult (28-V); top right 2nd year (11-III); left juvenile (28-VI).



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Jackdaw. 2nd year: pattern of alula (11-III).



Jackdaw. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (28-V); top right 2nd year (11-III); left juvenile (28-VI)



Jackdaw. Juvenile: pattern of alula (28-VI).



Jackdaw. Adult: pattern of wing (27-IV).



Jackdaw. Adult: pattern of alula (27-IV).



Jackdaw. 2nd year: pattern of wing (11-III).

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Jackdaw. Juvenile: pattern of wing (28-VI).