**Ontario Birds - Raven or Crow**

*(Click on the name of the bird below to listen to one of its calls.)*



The [**Raven**](https://www.audubon.org/sites/default/files/comrav_1.variouscalls_nyle_1.mp3) is on the Left and the [**Crow**](https://www.audubon.org/sites/default/files/comrav_1.variouscalls_nyle_1.mp3) is on the right!

Is it a crow or a raven flying overhead?

The two species, Common Ravens and American Crows, overlap widely throughout North America, and they look quite similar. But how can you tell them apart?

**Size:**

Ravens are larger, the size of a Red-tailed Hawk and often travel in pairs.

Crows are seen in larger groups.

**Tail:**

The crow has tail feathers are basically the same length, so when the bird spreads its tail, it opens like a fan.

Ravens, however, have longer middle feathers in their tails, so their tail appears wedge-shaped when open.

**Calls:**

Crows give a cawing sound.

Ravens produce a lower croaking sound.

**In flight:**

Ravens ride the thermals and soar,

Crows do more flapping.

**Beaks & Bristles & Throat Feathers:**

Ravens have bigger, curvier beaks and although both have bristles at the base of the beak, the raven's are noticeably longer. Its throat feathers are also quite shaggy.

**Location:**

Common Ravens are much less common than American Crows in Eastern North America.

*Taken from Birdnote.*