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Common Raven
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This month, we are learning all about the Common Raven, *Corvus corax*. Here are some fun facts:

- Common Ravens are widespread across habitats in the Northern Hemisphere and Arizona. Still, they have only started to nest more regularly in Phoenix in the last couple of decades, now that mature trees, tall buildings, and transmission towers are more available to build their nests.
- Being highly social and intelligent animals, Ravens have complex vocalizations and bonding behaviors, can mourn their dead and hold grudges, and will even play together during their acrobatic flights.
- Ravens are omnivores, eating everything from human food scraps to fruits, roadkill, bird eggs and nestlings, and a variety of small mammals and reptiles.

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