

Pied Crow

Corvus albus



The Pied Crow is the most common Crow species in Africa and is found almost throughout Africa except for the driest desert areas.

The Pied Crow is rarely seen far from human habitation and inhabits a wide range of habitats but shows a preference for open country and easily adapts to new environments. The Crow family are known for their intelligence and also their ability to mimic the human voice. This has led to them being kept as pets for many years in Africa and also their popularity in zoos around the world.

The nest is usually built in tall, isolated trees, though sometimes smaller specimens are used, depending on availability. The cross-supports of telephone poles are also frequently used, and both sexes build the nest. The eggs are pale green and spotted with various shades of brown. The female will cover the eggs with leaves when she leaves the nest. Both sexes raise the chicks.



Lifespan: 20 Years

Weight: 460 - 580 g

Size: 46 - 52 cm

Breeding Season: September - December

Incubation Period: 18 - 19 Days

Number of Chicks: 3 - 6

Diet: Insects, Invertebrates, Small Reptiles, Small Mammals, Young Birds and Eggs, Grain, Carrion and Fruit.

Problems They Face: Poisoning, Trapping for food and shooting for sport.

Conservation Status: Not Globally Threatened