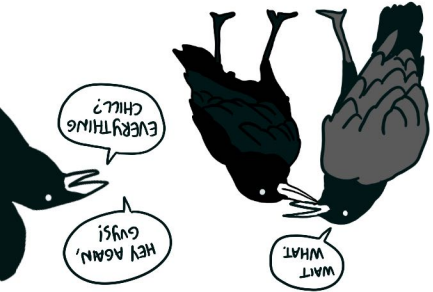


SO IT'S MORE LIKE CROWS
HAVE A "MONAGAMISH"
NESTING PARTNER.



ALSO... ABOUT THAT WHOLE
"MONOGAMOUS" THING...
DNA TESTS REVEALED THAT
ABOUT 20% OF REDGUNS ARE
NOT ACTUALLY RELATED TO
THE MALE "MATE."



BYEEEE!
HAVE FUN!

ONCE THE YOUNG CROWS LEAVE
HOME, SOME NEVER RETURN.
BUT OFTEN, THEY COME BACK TO
VISIT THEIR PARENTS - AND ARE
WELCOMED BACK AS FRIENDS.



MOST BIRDS LEAVE THEIR
PARENTS SOON AFTER BIRTH.
NOT CROWS! YOUNG CROWS
STICK AROUND FOR A FEW YEARS.

AND ONCE THE BABIES ARE
BORN, THE HELPERS STOP BY
FOR APPARENTLY NO OTHER
REASON THAN TO SAY HI AND
CHECK OUT THE KIDS.



HELPERS DELIVER FOOD TO
THE NEW MOM AS SHE SITS
ON HER EGGS. SHE'S FED BY
HER MATE AND HELPERS A FEW
TIMES AN HOUR.



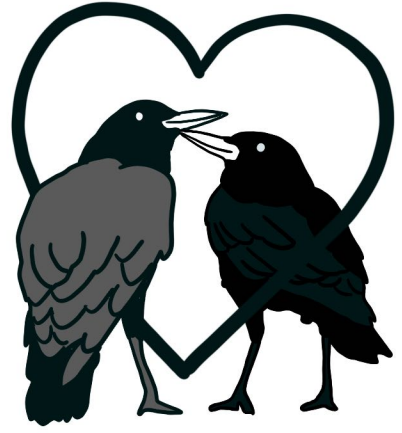
CAW!

CROW PARENTING

COMMUNAL PARENTING OF THE AMERICAN CROW



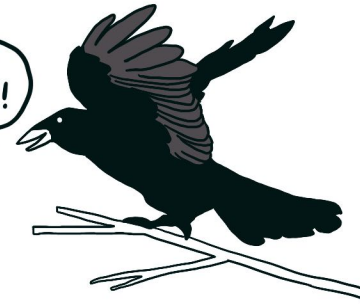
CROWS ARE OFTEN DEPICTED
AS MONOGAMOUS.



AND WHILE THEY DO OFTEN
MATE FOR LIFE, THE CROW
FAMILY IS A WHOLE COMMUNITY.



HEY GUYS!



IN MANY SPECIES, GROUPS OF
UP TO 10 "HELPER" BIRDS HELP
MATES BUILD THEIR NESTS.

THE HELPERS GATHER STICKS
AND GRASS, ALL PITCHING IN
TO BUILD THE LITTLE HOME.

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