



Medicine River WILDLIFE CENTRE

The Medicine River Wildlife Centre is a wildlife hospital and environmental education centre dedicated to assisting injured and orphaned wild animals to return back to their natural environment.

As a non-profit organization they operate under federal and provincial permits to care for injured and orphaned wildlife. Close to 1300 wildlife patients are admitted to the Wildlife Centre annually.

When should I contact Medicine River?

The Medicine River Wildlife Centre will be happy to accept your inquiries in regards to:

- Questions or inquiries about moose, deer, coyotes, squirrels, birds, bats, reptiles or any other form of wildlife.
- Injured wildlife; other than adult moose or deer that have been hit on the road.
- Wildlife in distress; eg: ducklings away from water trying to cross roads.
- Orphaned animals.
- Problems with Wildlife; eg: an animal trapped in your wall or denning under a shed.
- Booking education programs for all ages.

For more information about the Medicine River Wildlife Centre please contact them:

Box 115
Spruce View, Alberta, T0M1V0
Phone: 403-728-3467
info@mrwc.ca
www.mrwc.ca

Public Viewing Office Hours:
May 1st to Labour Day
7 days a week
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Patients Accepted
356 days a year
24 hours a day

**For more information,
or if you have a question or
comment:**



Alberta Animal Services

4640 61 Street
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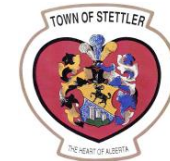
Town of Stettler

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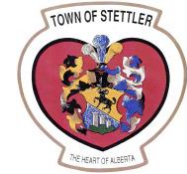
Town of Stettler



American Crow Information Pamphlet



Education- Enforcement- Leadership



What type of Crow is in my Area?

The American Crow you will see in and around the Town of Stettler belong to the 'Corvidae' family of birds. A few of their closest cousins would be Blue Jays and Magpies.

Where do these Crows come from?

The American Crow's range covers almost all of Canada. You may see these crows as far west as the interior of British Columbia to as far east as Newfoundland.

Where do Crows make their nest?

Crows prefer their nests to be high, sheltered and away from prying eyes. You may find nests within full pine trees and in other covered or treed areas. Crows are particularly skilled in this area which is why the term "Crow's Nest" has been adopted for the look out on the front of large ships.

How may eggs do Crows lay?

A female Crow may lay up to 3 or 6 eggs per breeding season.

What do Crows eat?

Crows are scavenger birds and will eat anything they can manage. A few staples of their local diet will include fruits, seeds, frogs, mice, eggs, and insects. Crows are particularly helpful for the agriculture around Stettler as they consume a large portion of the insects which would otherwise be attracted to a farmer's crop.

Are Crows a protected bird?

Crows are considered a "Non License Animal;" therefore they have no protection under the Alberta Wildlife Act.

Can anyone shoot Crows within Stettler Town limits?

As stated within the *Alberta Wildlife Act* there are many sections which prevent any person from discharging a firearm within a municipality or hunting which may pose a danger to any person, residence, or property. Due to the restrictions stated within the Wildlife Act any resident of Stettler, any Officer with Alberta Animal Services, or any form of Peace or Police Officer may not actively hunt crows within Town limits.

Does Alberta Fish and Wildlife actively control Crows?

Alberta Fish and Wildlife Officers do not respond to reports of nuisance crows within a municipality. Due to the number of issues that arise in an urban centre Officers only respond when the public safety is at risk by the presence of larger animals. These include animals such as bear, cougar, moose, or deer. For more information please contact the local Fish and Wildlife Office at:

Phone: 403-742-7510, Fax: 403-742-7914
P.O. Box 600
Provincial Building
Stettler, Alberta, T0C2L0



What can I do to deter Crows from nesting in my area?

There are several methods that a Stettler resident can take to prevent crows from nesting an area:

1. When a Crow's nest is discovered in an area remove it as soon as possible. This will prevent the Crow from laying its eggs in the nest. The best time to keep an eye out for new nests is during early spring.
2. Erect an Owl statue in a visible place where Crows are seen. Ensure to move it around your yard occasionally.
3. Ensure all outdoor composts are covered, secure, and odor free. Do not place any material in your compost that cannot be broken down (ie: plastic) or any household waste.
4. Ensure your property is kept clean, tidy and garbage free.
5. Place your household garbage outside in a covered place the night before it is scheduled to be collected. Crows are scavengers and will feast on any excess garbage or waste they can access.
6. Refrain from leaving any food for your household animals outside unattended.

Crows do play a substantial role within our ecosystem and keep the natural predatory balance in check. A large number of crows situated in one location may have an impact on one's ability to enjoy an area; however a greater impact may be felt if the crow population was to be completely diminished.