



Biosecurity alert: House crow

(*Corvus splendens*)

The pest and its impacts

House crows (*Corvus splendens*) are not native to Australia, and because of their potential to establish populations here, they pose an extreme threat to our environment and are a declared pest. A major pest of agriculture, the house crow causes severe damage to vegetable and fruit crops.

The crow also preys on the chicks and eggs of native birds, attacks and harasses livestock and other animals.



REPORT House crows



Photo credit: John Cull

DO NOT report Ravens



LOOK for this pest

House crows are identifiable by their glossy black plumage with a metallic greenish-blue-purple sheen on the forehead, crown, throat, back, wings and tail. The bird's nape, neck and lower breast are a contrasting, paler colour.

Key points:

- glossy black plumage with a metallic greenish-blue-purple sheen
- pale neck contrasts with black plumage of forehead, crown, and throat
- gather at communal roosts, as well as at food sources including rubbish tips, abattoirs and markets.

How you can help: look, act, report

The house crow can spread disease to humans and may attack people to steal food or shiny jewellery.

An omnivorous scavenger, house crows eat almost anything. The bird can also be a great nuisance, scattering rubbish, damaging electrical wiring, blocking drainpipes and interfering with power supplies.

Australian native crows and ravens (pictured above right) resemble the house crow. However, native birds have all-black plumage and white eyes as adults.

House crows are not native to Australia but have accidentally been transported here many times on ships. Help us protect WA's environment and native species by reporting any suspected bird sightings.



REPORT suspected sightings

- Be aware of any new or unusual birds
- Note the date, time and location of the bird
- Take photographs, if possible



Report your observations

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