

Raven



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in Yellowstone National Park

Ravens are large, black birds with large beaks. They are 25 inches in length and weigh just over two-and-a-half pounds. Their wingspan is 40 to 59 inches. In the wild, they live 10 to 15 years, but can live up to 40 in captivity. Ravens are very intelligent and have been known to open people's bags and backpacks in Yellowstone. They like shiny things, and will steal them and hide them. Ravens will eat just about anything. They can also mimic sounds from their environment, including human speech.

Ravens can be seen almost everywhere in Yellowstone. They often are around people, looking for an easy meal. It is alright to feed them, if you don't mind them staying around after!

What did you learn about the ravens of Yellowstone?

1. What is the average wingspan of ravens?

2. What kinds of things do ravens like to steal?

3. What will ravens mimic?

