

Little Raven *Corvus mellori*

Up in the sky
All year round



There are three similar raven species in the Geelong district, but usually only the **Little Raven** visits the Bluff area. It lacks the long throat hackles of the Australian Raven. Large flocks congregate on the sand dunes to feast on the white berries of the Coast Beard Heath in mid-summer. They also eat insects and carrion.

Beak-to-tail: 48 – 50 cm

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Pied Currawong *Strepera graculina*

Although the **Pied Currawong** is sometimes mistaken as a raven, the yellow eye-ring and white flash on the rump and wings helps to identify this bird. The loud, wailing call is often heard in the evening as groups of birds return to roost. Its numbers are increasing. It feeds on berries, insects and small lizards. They also take small birds, with a group of currawongs attacking together to rob nestlings during the breeding season. This may lead to a decrease in the population of some smaller birds.

Beak-to-tail: 42 – 50 cm

