

Ravens: Lore and More

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Abstract

Believe me gentle readers, when speaking of zoos there is much to be said for small and intimate. Here at the Southern Nevada Zoological Park in Las Vegas, binoculars are not necessary. The pathways and benches are within a few feet of the exhibits. This happy condition allows the visitors to observe the animals close-up, indeed, nose to nose or nose to beak in some cases. This excellent condition also has a seldom recognized bonus - that of observing the observer. I have observed many a curious quirk in various and sundry visitors while they were looking for the same in a particular animal subject.

One of the most consistent and predictable patterns of human behavior shows up as follows: Across one wall here at the zoo there are two aviary exhibits, one containing three large and beautiful macaws and one containing two glossy black ravens. One can stand and look into both aviaries at once. No big deal so far. Then one hears an absolutely avian voice saying: "Hello! I love you." Every eye, every time, turns to the macaw aviary to see which bird spoke.

Then again one hears, "Hello! I love you, love you, love you!" and every eye switches in amazement to the raven sitting wisely on its perch in the adjoining display. Yes, indeed, folks, the raven out talks the parrot. The visitors, however, have been programmed to expect the parrot to talk and to expect nothing spectacular about so ordinary a bird as a raven.

But is the raven an ordinary bird? I think not, my friend. A little observation and research shows it to be quite an extraordinary species of bird.

My first experience with ravens was in the boreal forests of Alaska where I often saw the large, silent, solitary raven perched atop a dead tree watching me as intently as I watched it. A raven has a way of cocking its head to one side and observing one with great curiosity. A youth at the time, I couldn't help feeling that the raven was much more intelligent than I. Time has proven that early surmise correct.

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As much as they are known for their bravery and combat efficiency, the Blood Ravens Chapter is also renowned for its obsession with recovering lost information and technology. These Battle-Brothers have repeatedly shown a willingness to accept non-traditional techniques and extreme approaches so that some lost relic or tome could be

recovered and secured within their vaults. The fact that the Blood Ravens' own records and Chapter lore are lost along with those kept by the Inquisition on the Chapter is a suspicious indicator that suggests that a concerted effort was made by operatives within many Imperial Adepta, including the Inquisition and the Blood Ravens themselves, to eliminate almost all trace of the Blood Ravens' past from Imperial records. The set bonus Raven's Protection (3) in the Keeper of Animals tree gives the Raven a buff which gives you and your fellows a Tactical Mitigation boost. The skill Catmint (acquired in the Keeper of Animals tree) improves the Benediction of the Raven fire damage debuff and damage. The trait Feral in the Keeper of Animals tree gives you the Feral - Bird effect when the Raven is summoned. This skill summons a Raven companion. 0 Titans Party: StarFire Raven-Lore 2 0 Delilah Raven-Lore 1 0 Tag Commission for Roma Raven-Lore 0 0 Storm Fan Raven-Lore 0 0 Christmas Tags Raven-Lore 0 0 Stolen Innocence Raven-Lore 1 0 Cho Carnelian Again Raven-Lore 0 0. Browse Gallery. Favourites. I think I have too many interests for one lifetime, but I'm going to try and workhard towards all my goals. Nice to meet you! Interests.