

## **CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM**

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

  x   Unusual Species           Unusual Date           Unusual Habitat

***MOST IMPORTANT:*** On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

**Count Area:** Silver City, NM CBC circle

**Species** - *Corvus brachyrhynchos*, American Crow    **Age:** adult    **Sex:**    **Number:** one

**4. Date (s) of Observation:** Dec. 23, 2015    **Time:** ~ 2:00 PM

**5. Place:** Fox Field, corner of Swan and 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Nearest Town:** Silver City    **County:** Grant County

**6. Observer**    Karen Beckenbach

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**7. Observation Details:**

**Other Observers:**

**Optics Used:** Vortex Viper 10X42

**Distance From Bird:** 250 ft    **Viewing Conditions:** clear and unobstructed

**Weather, sky cover:** Sunny, calm, about 45 °F

**Photo Taken?** No    **Video?** No    **Sound Recording?** No    **Specimen?** NO

**Past Experience: With this or similar species?** Saw thousands when I lived in Vancouver BC

**References or Advice Consulted:** none

**Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory?**  
Memory

**Signature**    Karen Beckenbach

**Date**    December 31, 2015

**Description:** (use additional pages as needed)

On the grass of Fox field there were about two dozen raven and one crow. It was noticeably smaller than the raven and when they flew the end of the tail was nearly flat verses wedge shaped.

