

Report all **dead birds** to the
**West Nile Virus and Dead
Bird Hotline at**

1-877-968-BIRD (2473) or
online at
westnile.ca.gov

Dead Crows, Jays, Magpies and Ravens can provide staff with early-warnings about West Nile Virus. It's important to REPORT these birds for early detection, analysis and possible testing.

When reporting dead birds, please provide the following:

- Location of bird (address and/or intersection)
- Description of bird (color, size, species)
- Date found and condition of the bird (intact, run over)

Santa Clara County Vector Control District



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Help detect and monitor
West Nile Virus
in Santa Clara County
by
reporting dead birds



Birds to Report



American Crow

- 17" long
- Small, straight, sharp bill
- Urban and rural habitats



Common Raven

- 22"-27" long
- Large, thick, curved bill
- Larger than a crow



Western Scrub Jay

- 11" long
- Blue head, back, and tail
- Gray belly
- Urban and rural habitats

How to Safely Handle & Dispose of Dead Birds

A hotline operator will let you know if the bird is no longer good for testing



- Do not touch dead birds with bare hands or clothing
- Wear gloves or use double heavy-duty plastic bags



- Place your hand inside the bag
- Grab the bird and turn the bag inside out



- Tie or zip the first plastic bag closed and then double bag the bird
- Close the outer bag



- Either discard the bagged bird in a trash container, or;
- Secure it for pickup at a location away from children and animals



- Wash your hands with soap after disposal
- If you wore gloves, wash while they are still on, then throw them away. Then wash your hands.