

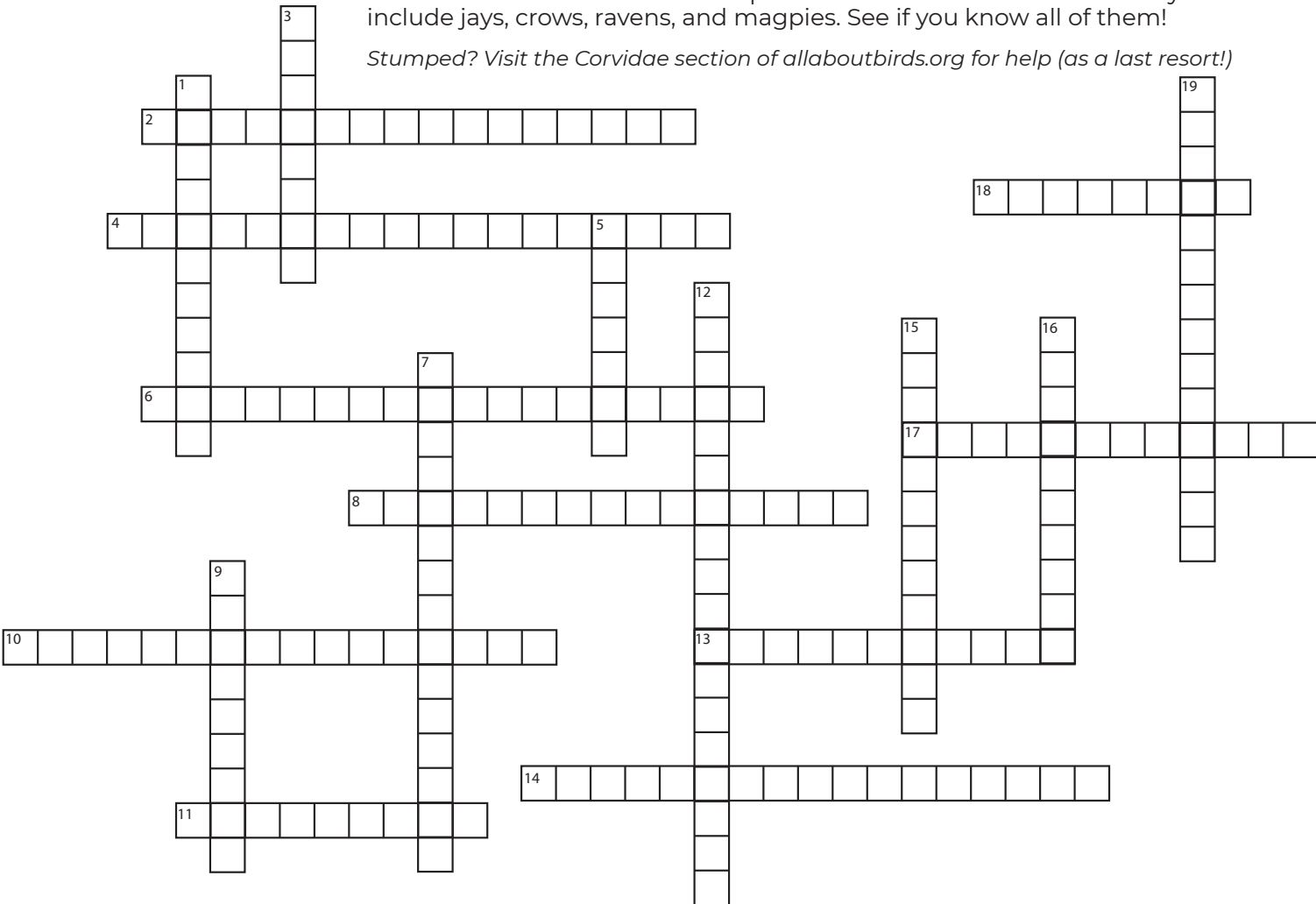


CORVID-19 Crossword

Did someone say CORVID? We bird nerds at Houston Audubon keep hearing Corvid - and we immediately think birds - so we thought we would make a fun and educational crossword puzzle for those stuck at home.

The United States has 19 Corvid species. Members of the Corvid family include jays, crows, ravens, and magpies. See if you know all of them!

Stumped? Visit the Corvidae section of allaboutbirds.org for help (as a last resort!)



ACROSS

- only found in coastal regions from Pacific Northwest to Alaska, slightly smaller and deeper-voiced than its more common and widespread cousin
- sometimes referred to as the "Blue Jay" of the dry lowlands, thought to be the same species as its Californian cousin until 2016
- only found in California, has been hard-hit by habitat loss and West Nile virus
- distinguished from its cousins by the white, not gray, base of the neck and body feathers
- found in the subalpine mountain forests of the western US, foraging on seeds they rip from pine cones
- known for living at high-altitudes and stealing the snacks of hikers, had its common name changed in 2018
- found in forests, parks, campgrounds, and bird feeders of the wooded western US, one of only two crested corvids
- a familiar species around their western US range, identified in flight by trailing tail feathers and bright, flashy, white wing patches
- fairly common and conspicuous throughout the lower 48, easily recognized by its loud cawing
- bright green, yellow, and blue, found in Texas & Mexico

Use common names; no spaces or punctuation.

DOWN

- all-black, announce themselves with a deep, croaky call
- often hard to tell apart from its "American" cousin, easily identified by its short, nasal, double "cah" call
- well-known and loved, often fools passersby into thinking there is a Red-shouldered Hawk calling
- the only bird species living exclusively in Florida
- found year-long in large, noisy flocks in pinyon-juniper and scrub-oak woodlands of the Western US
- sometimes called the "Blue Jay" of the dry lowlands along the Pacific seaboard, loves sunflower seed and peanuts
- also known as the 'Alalā, recently extinct in the wild, but is currently being reintroduced in its habitat thanks to intensive conservation efforts
- named for the country that encompasses most of its range, also found in the Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, lives in social groups consisting of multiple breeding pairs
- considered endemic to their namesake region of Northeast Mexico, they can also be spotted in the very southeastern portion of Texas, often visiting garbage dumps