

Common raven developmental steps

Age (days)	Weight (g)	Developmental steps
0-1	25g	Altricial – from account 1945 “grotesque gargoyles” – chicks are orange to pink, unfeathered or covered very sparsely with gray down, sightless, constant brooding several days
7		Still naked
9	~270g	
12		Eyes with smoke-gray irides beginning to open between days 12 and 14
14		Feather sheaths for rectrices 1 cm long, pink and covered with black down; crouch and remain silent when approached; begin defecating on rim of nest
18		1-cm-long flight feathers extended from 2-cm-long shafts.
21		Down well grown, wing and tail feathers present, unable to stand up.
24	~1100g	
25		25 - 28 days only brooded ~30 min/day
28		Covered with contour feathers, and they sometimes respond defensively and move about nest; start to leave nest 28 - 50 days old
30	~1180g	Weight leveled off - then drops
35		Fully feathered, exercising wing muscles, and becoming very active.
35 - 50		Will leave nest but stay nearby for a few days to 6 weeks. Dependent on parents for food for several months

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