

**In this issue:** Is it or isn't it? Whether the Northwestern Crow is a valid species has been debated for years. Should it be lumped with the American Crow? Should other species in its genus (*Corvus*) be split? Taxonomic instability is as much the bane (or delight) of the birder as ever. *Cover photograph: Northwestern Crow at Homer, Alaska, March 2003 by © Jim Zipp.*

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