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## *The Wolf-Birds: A list of sources and further reading suggestions from author Willow Dawson*

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<b>Reading levels</b>	Fountas & Pinnell: O Lexile® Measure: AD 680L
<b>Curriculum links</b>	<b>Science &amp; Technology:</b> life science; animals; characteristics of living things

*“Layering beautiful illustrations and storytelling over scientifically accurate concepts, The Wolf-Birds draws readers to the poetry of predator, prey, and scavenger interactions. Dawson’s honest portrayal of ecological relationships effectively, and importantly, connects us to the raw beauty of our natural world.”*

— DANIEL STAHLER, PHD, WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST, YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

### **About the book**

In a story set deep in the wild winter wood, two hungry ravens fly in search of their next meal. A pack of wolves is on the hunt, too. Food is scarce, but if they team up, the ravens and wolves just might be able to help each other.

*The Wolf-Birds* takes an honest, unflinching view of survival in the wild, highlighting the fact that one animal’s life helps many others live. Based on scientific data and anecdotal reports from Aboriginal hunters, the book explores the fascinating symbiotic relationship shared by wolves and ravens.

A great deal of research went into *The Wolf-Birds*. This document contains sources and suggestions for further reading.



## Beyond the book

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- Ned Rozell, "Study says wolves group when ravens hover nearby," *Anchorage Daily News*, F6

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- David L. Mech, and Luigi Boitani (eds.) *Wolves: Behaviour, Ecology, and Conservation*, caption from a photo of a wolf with a hare in its mouth between pages 238 and 239
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