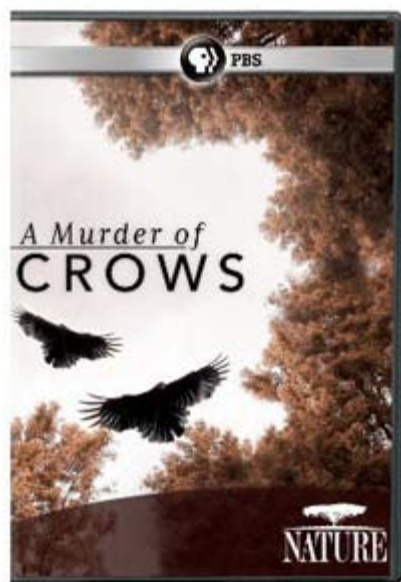


Thursday, January 8 2014: PBS Documentary - "A Murder of Crows"

Birding Information: In January, compilers Jimm Edgar and Maury Stern will present our annual update of the Contra Costa County and the East County Christmas Bird Counts.



Crows are a part of myths and legends in many cultures. Their reputation in stories varies from comical to frightening, godlike or wise, bringers of light and bringers of death, though a "murder" of crows refers to a flock of crows, and not to anything murderous, at all.

[New research](#) has shown that crows are among the most intelligent animals in the world, able to use tools as only elephants and chimpanzees do, able to recognize each other's voices and 250 distinct calls.

[A Murder of Crows](#), a PBS Nature documentary, highlights these new research findings and includes stories of how crows have used their great intelligence to adapt again and again to a constantly changing world.

More detailed information about the January program is available on page 3 of our [December 2014 Quail newsletter](#).