

## PHAINOPEPLA & MISTLETOE



The Phainopeplas have a symbiotic relationship with Mistletoe. Phainopepla get fruit from mistletoes and once they feed on the berries, the berries pass through the bird's digestive tract and stick to the trees branches. This allows for the distribution of the seeds.

In February, the Mistletoe provides shelter and berries for birds. You will often find Phainopepla near or on Mistletoe's during this time of year.

Adult male Phainopepla's are glossy black with red eyes and large white patches on the wings which are visible in flight.