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Ave de la familia de los córvidos de mediano tamaño y plumaje negro con reflejos metálicos. Tiene las patas y el pico de color rojo, este último curvo y alargado.

Consumadas voladoras, capaces de realizar espectaculares piruetas en vuelo durante las que emiten un característico reclamo metálico y penetrante (choak) de donde procede su nombre.

Ave propia de ambientes rupícolas, donde anida en grietas y huecos de paredes rocosas y normalmente en colonias. Pone de 3 a 5 huevos. Se alimenta de invertebrados que captura gracias a su pico. También consume semillas, frutos y ocasionalmente carroña.

Fácil de observar y oír en los desfiladeros y paredones rocosos del Caminito del Rey, donde podemos disfrutar de sus acrobáticos vuelos.

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The red-billed chough belongs to the crow family, and is of medium size with a glossy black plumage. It has red legs and a long curved red bill.

It is a consummate flier and performs spectacular pirouettes in mid-flight, when it emits its characteristic shrill metallic call (chuff), from where it gets its name.

The natural habitat of this bird is among rocky environments, such as cliffs and rocky crags, where it nests in ledges high up on cliff walls or in crevices in the rocks, normally in colonies, where it lays from between 3 to 5 eggs. It feeds on invertebrates which it catches with its beak, and also eats seeds, fruits and, occasionally, carrion.

This bird is easy to see and hear in the gorges and cliff walls at Caminito del Rey, where you will enjoy watching its acrobatic displays.