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Guide to North American Birds

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Each entry provides information on conservation status, family, habitat, photo gallery, feeding, eggs, young, diet, nesting, migration, detailed range maps, audio clips of recorded bird calls, etc.

Blue Jay

Cyanocitta cristata



Conservation status

May have declined initially with clearing of eastern forest, before it adapted to nesting in cities. Now common, expanding range toward northwest.

Family

[Crows, Magpies, Jays](#)

Habitat

Oak and pine woods, suburban gardens, groves, towns. Breeds in deciduous or mixed woods, avoiding purely coniferous forest. May be in fairly low or scrubby forest in southern part of range. Favors habitat with many oak or beech trees. Often common in well-wooded suburbs or city parks.

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Migration

Present all year in most of range, but

One of the loudest and most colorful birds of eastern back yards and woodlots, the Blue Jay is unmistakable. Intelligent and adaptable, it may feed on almost anything, and it is quick to take advantage of bird feeders. Besides their raucous jay! jay! calls, Blue Jays make a variety of

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The website is an excellent resource not only for bird watchers, but also for people of all ages!