

Blue Jays mostly consume acorns, nuts, seeds & insects.



• Food •

Corvids are intelligent birds with strong family bonds.



• Family: Corvidae •
Blue Jays are part of the corvid family, which includes ravens and crows.

• Appearance •

Blue*, black and white plumage

Crest on head can be raised or lowered depending on bird's mood

Males are slightly larger than females

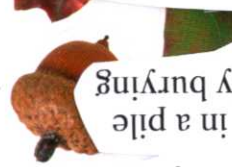
*Blue Jays have no blue pigment. Instead, they have melanin, which is actually brown. Humans perceive it as blue due to light being refracted by the microscopic structure of the feather, and reflecting the blue wavelength.

(The range of Blue Jays and oak trees are almost fully overlapping!)



many.

Studies show they remember their stash spots, but bury too



They cache them in a pile before individually burying them, tip down.

They remove the acorn cap to make it lighter to carry.



Blue Jays helped spread oak trees after the last glacial period.

• Oaks & Blue Jays •

• Nests •



Build/utilize cup nests in trees, or large bushes

Made of twigs, bark, moss, paper, feathers, mud, etc.

Will re-use other bird nests.

Not picky on nest location, but are territorial over their nests.

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• BLUE JAY •
Cyanocitta cristata



Common name: Blue Jay

Scientific name: *Cyanocitta cristata*

Family: Corvidae

Bill to Tail: 9-12 inches

Wingspan: 13-17 inches

Weight: 2.5-3.5 ounces

Nest type: Cup nest

DID YOU KNOW...

The Blue Jay is the state bird of NOWHERE!

What?

• Territorial & aggressive. •

They will hunt down predators like Great Horned Owls or Cooper's Hawks, and

pester them until they fly away.

• Behavior •

Blue Jays can make many different calls, including mimicking hawks or car alarms.

Sources & Further Reading.

Slow Birding (Strassman)

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