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# Animal Fact Sheet

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# Blue Jay

*Cyanocitta cristata*

A blue jay is not blue. There is no blue pigment anywhere in its feathers — only brown melanin — and the colour is structural, produced by microscopic air pockets in the feather barbs that scatter bl…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird
**Family:** Corvidae
**Habitat:** Deciduous and mixed forests, especially those with oak trees; also found in parks and residential areas
**Diet:** Omnivore
**Conservation status:** Least Concern
**Lifespan:** 7–9 years in the wild
**Weight:** 70–100 grams
**Scientific name:** Cyanocitta cristata

## Did you know?

- Blue Jays are responsible for helping spread oak trees, as they often bury acorns which later grow into new trees.
- Jays raise and lower the crest as a mood signal: flat means calm, fully erect means agitated or aggressive. Blue jay migration is genuinely mysteriou…

## What I learned

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