

# 15390 Eurasian Jay (*Garrulus glandarius*)



Jay. Adult (18-II).

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### IDENTIFICATION

32-34 cm. Grey-brown plumage; pale vent; crown streaked white and black; dark wings with blue alula and wing coverts barred black; white tail coverts.



Jay. Pattern of head and primary coverts.



### SIMILAR SPECIES

This species is unmistakable.

### SEXING

Plumage of both sexes alike. **Male** slightly larger than **female** but considerable overlap.

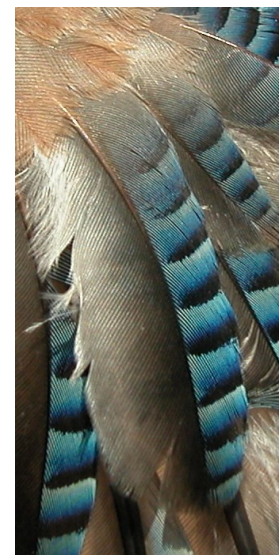
### AGEING

3 age groups can be recognized:

**Juvenile** resembles **adult**, but crown only slightly streaked; fluffy plumage; fresh feathers.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with the outermost greater covert with 7 to 9 black bars; black cross-bars on blue feathers distributed with irregularity (different width or bars at varying intervals); if moult limit within greater coverts, then retained **juvenile** are shorter; if all greater coverts have been changed then with differences between bars pattern of greater coverts and primary coverts; tip of the 5th tail feather quite rounded.

**Adult** with the outermost greater covert with 9 to 12 black bars; black cross-bars on blue feathers distributed with regularity; greater coverts without moult limit; similar bars pattern between greater coverts and primary coverts; tip of the 5th tail feather quite square.



Jay. Ageing. Number of black bars on the outermost greater covert: left adult; right juvenile.

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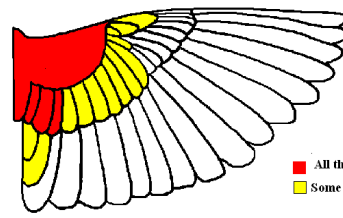
Jay. Ageing. Regularity on pattern of the black bars on primary coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Jay. Ageing. Tip of the 5th tailfeather: left adult, right juvenile

**MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished in October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult involving body feathers, lesser and median coverts, none to all greater coverts, none to all alula feathers and sometimes inner tertials; usually finished in October.



Jay. Extent of postjuvenile moult

■ All the specimens  
■ Some specimens

**PHENOLOGY**

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII

■ Summer visitor    ■ Resident  
■ Wintering        ■ On passage



Jay. 2nd year (13-1).

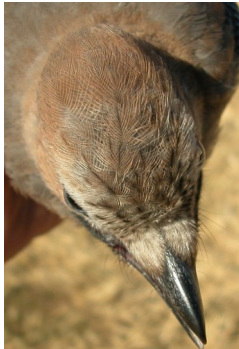


Jay. Juvenile (31-VII).

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Jay. Head pattern and iris colour: top left adult (18-II); top right 2nd year (13-I); left juvenile (31-VII).



Jay. Crown pattern: top left adult (18-II); top right 2nd year (13-I); left juvenile (31-VII).



Jay. Breast pattern: top left adult (18-II); top right 2nd year (13-I); left juvenile (31-VII).



Jay. Upperpart pattern: top left adult (18-II); top right 2nd year (13-I); left juvenile (31-VII).

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Jay. Tail pattern and width of the 5th feather: top left adult (18-II); top right 2nd year (13-I); left juvenile (31-VII).



Jay. Number of black bars on the outermost great coverts: top left adult (18-II); top right 2nd year (13-I); left juvenile (31-VII).



Jay. Adult. Pattern of the dark barred on the blue wing feathers (18-II).



Jay. 2nd year. Pattern of the dark barred on the blue wing feathers (13-I).



Jay. Juvenile. Pattern of the dark barred on the blue wing feathers (31-VII).



Jay. Adult: pattern of wing (18-II).



Jay. 2nd year: pattern of wing (13-I).



Jay. Juvenile: pattern of wing (31-VII).