

# 406 Jay



Jay. Adult (31-VII).

## JAY (*Garrulus glandarius*)

### 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. Size can be helpful with extreme birds: **male** with wing longer than 190 mm; **female** with wing shorter than 174 mm.

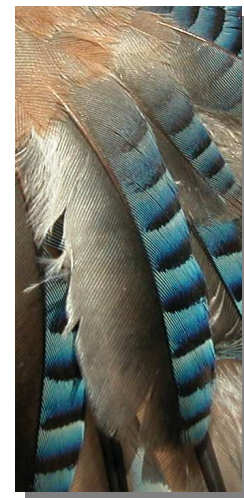
### AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** similar to **adults**, but crown poor streaked; dull colours; fresh feathers.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** with less than 8 black bars on the outermost greater covert; black cross-bars on blue feathers distributed with irregularity (different width or bars at varying intervals); if moult limit between greater coverts, then retained juveniles are shorter; if all the greater coverts have been changed then there are differences between bars pattern of greater coverts and primary coverts; 2nd outermost tail feather narrower than 25 mm width at 40 mm from the tip.

**Adult** with more than 10 black bars on the outermost greater covert; black cross-bars on blue feathers distributed with regularity; without moult limits on the greater coverts; similar bars pattern between greater coverts and primary coverts; 2nd outermost tail feather wider than 25 mm width at 40 mm from the tip.

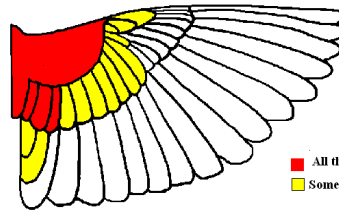


Jay. Ageing. Number of black bars on the outermost greater covert: left adult; right juvenile.

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



Jay. Extent of postjuvenile moult

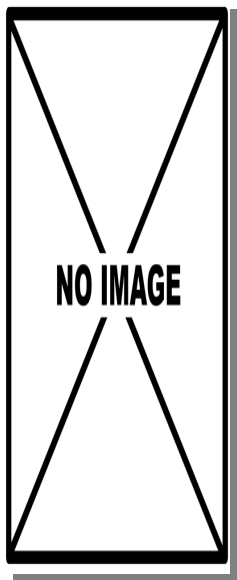
■ All the specimens  
■ Some specimens

## PHENOLOGY

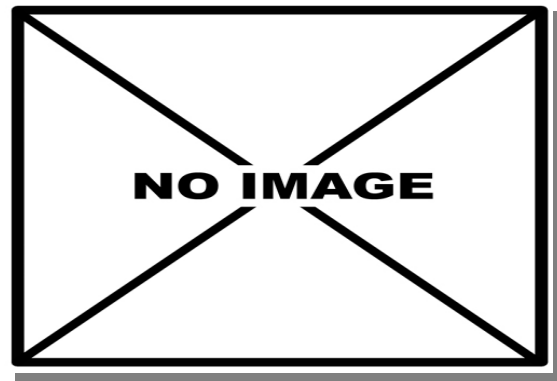
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## STATUS IN ARAGON

Resident. Widely distributed throughout the region, absent only from the Ebro Basin.



Jay. Ageing. Width of the 2nd outermost tail feather: left adult; right juvenile.



Jay. 2nd year ().



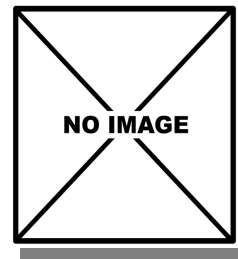
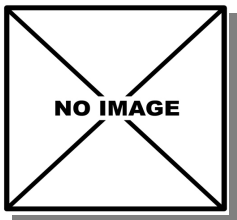
Jay. Juvenile (31-VII).

## MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, usually finished by October. Partial **postjuvenile** moult including body feathers, lesser and median coverts and inner greater coverts; some specimens moult all greater coverts and tertials; finished between late August and October.



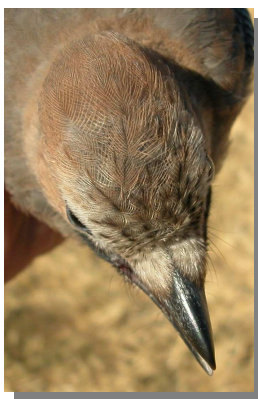
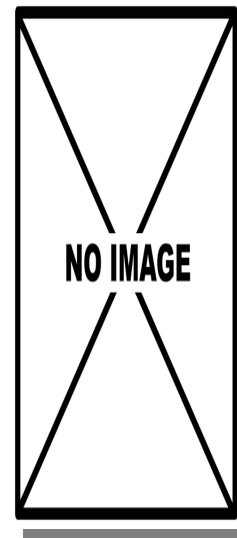
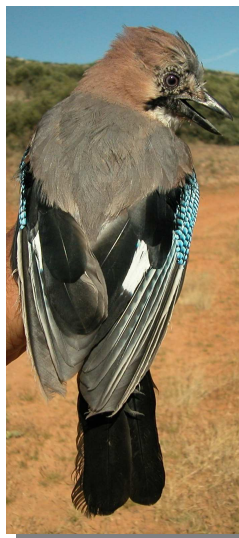
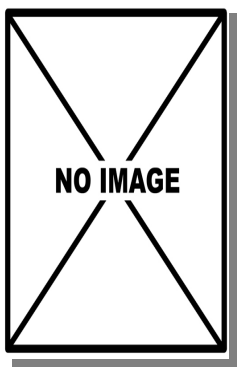
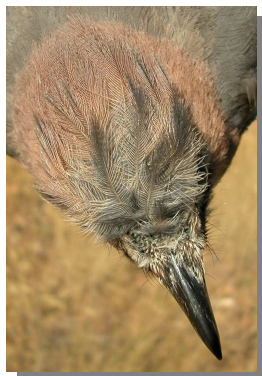
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Jay. Head pattern and iris colour: top left adult (31-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (31-VII).



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

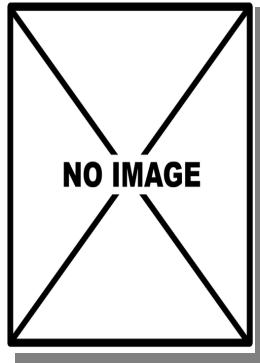
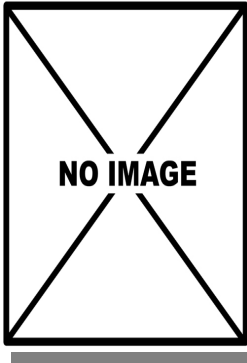


Jay. Crown pattern: top left adult (31-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (31-VII).



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

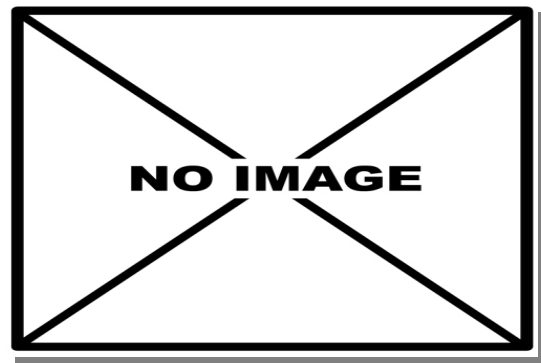
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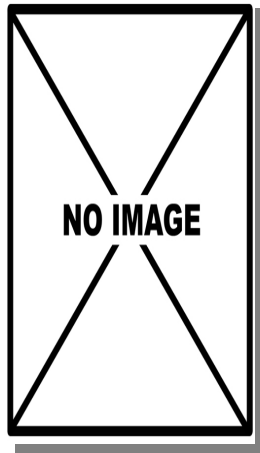
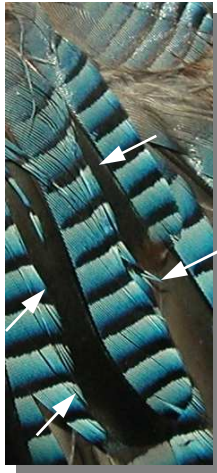
Jay. Adult. Pattern of the dark barred on the blue wing feathers (31-VII).



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



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



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

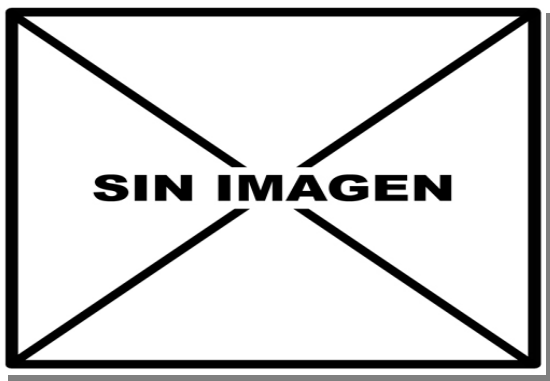


Jay. Number of black bars on the outermost great covert: top left adult (31-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (31-VII).

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



Jay. 2nd year: pattern of wing ().



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