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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.

SIMILAR SPECIES

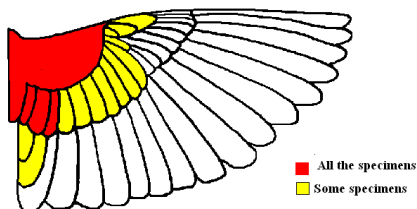
This species is unmistakable.

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.

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.



Jay. Extent of postjuvenile moult

AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

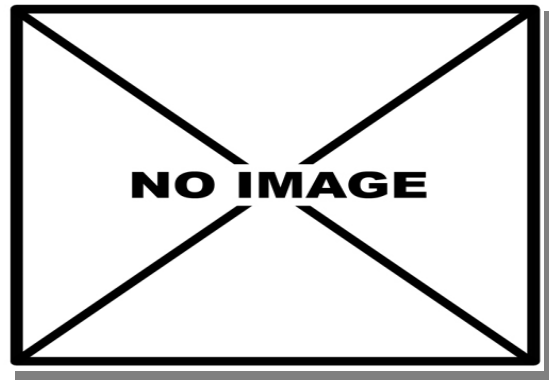
Juvenile similar to **adults**, but crown poorly streaked; dull colours; fresh feathers.

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 wider 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 narrower than 25 mm width at 40 mm from the tip.

STATUS IN ARAGON

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



Jay. 2nd year ().

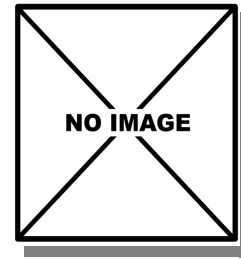
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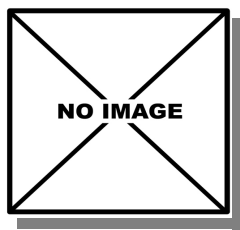
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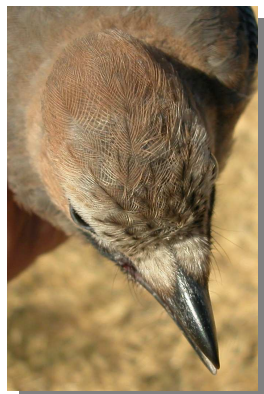
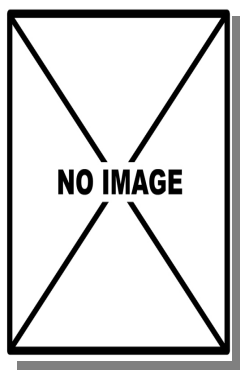
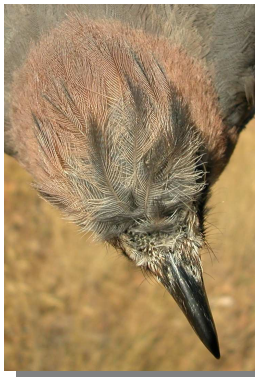
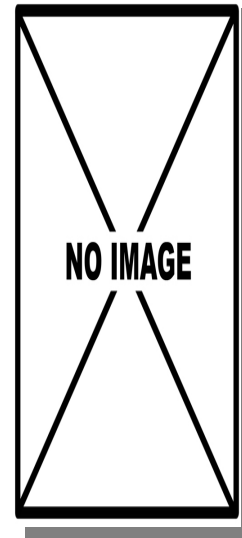
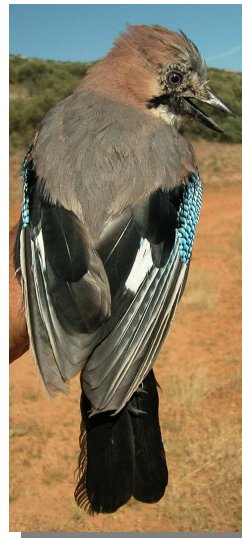
Jay. Juvenile (31-VII).



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



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

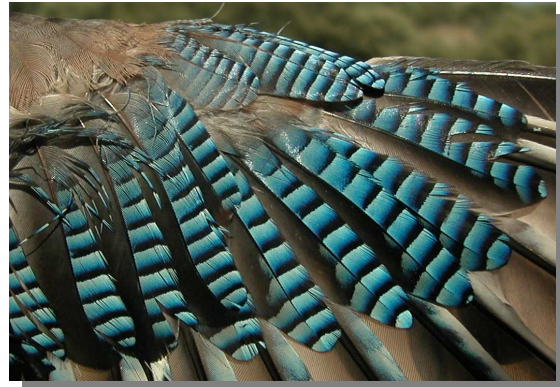
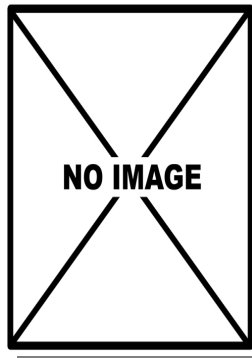
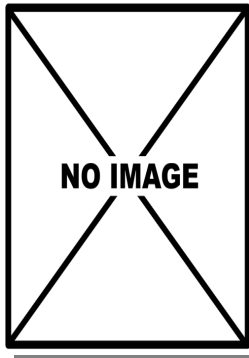


Jay. Crown pattern: top left adult (31-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (31-VII).



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

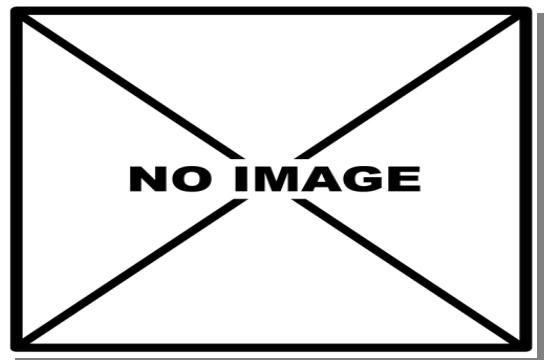
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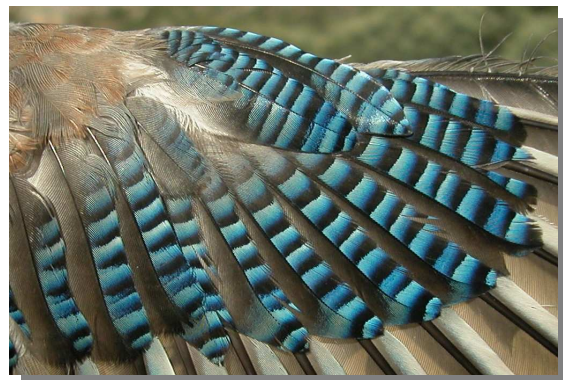
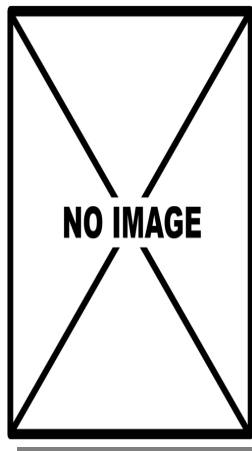
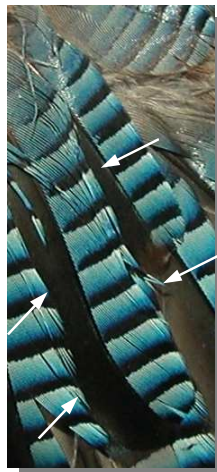
Jay. Adult. Pattern of the dark barred on the blue wing feathers (31-VII).



Jay. Tail pattern and width of 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).

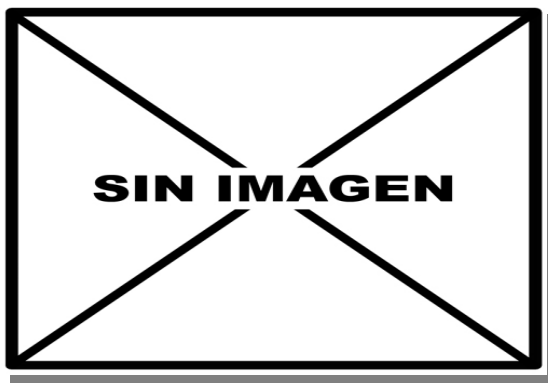


Jay. Number of black bars on the outermost great covert: top left adult (31-VII); top right 2nd year (); left juvenile (31-VII).

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



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



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