



The Blue Jay is a handsome, colorful bird. Most Blue jays live the year round in the eastern United States and southern Canada. During the fall they form large, noisy flocks, but only a few Blue jays move south for the winter.

Blue jays come readily to feeding stations and make a striking appearance against a snowy background. They are fighters, often driving other birds and even squirrels away so that they may feed. Their song is sometimes a harsh Jay! Jay! At other times, it is like a whistle or a soft warble. Originally, Blue jays were birds of the open forests. Gradually, they have come to live also in cities and towns.

Blue jays feed on acorns, beechnuts, and grains. In spring and summer they also eat insects, and sometimes eggs and young birds. The Blue Jay's nest is built of twigs and rootlets, lined with grass and feathers. Four to six greenish eggs are laid at a time.