

The Blue Jay - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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The blue jay is one of Canada's most colourful birds and often one of its noisiest.

[Blue jay on a branch]

Its shrill call serves as a warning to other creatures of the woods.

The blue jay can be found from Newfoundland to Alberta, and prefers to nest in mixed-wood forests.

[Blue jay chick with the mouth open]

Both male and female participate in the incubation of eggs for a period of 17 days. The young are fed all types of food, including insects, caterpillars, and some berries, and fruit and grain.

[Two blue jay eating grains]

The blue jay is one of the few birds that store food for future use, and some of the acorns so stored take root and eventually become beautiful hardwood trees.

For more information about the blue jay, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service, Ottawa.