

## STELLER'S JAY



# FAMILY & NAME

Crows, Magpies, Jays Cyanocitta stelleri

#### **HABITAT**

A northwest coast bird, primarily found in the lush coniferous woods of the mountains. Sometimes also seen in wooded suburbs and backyards.

#### **NESTING**

Nest in trees or shrubs, usually 10-30' above the ground. Cup-shaped nests made from twigs, moss, leaves, and more. Both sexes build nests and feed young. Typically 4 eggs, pale blue-green and spotted with brown or olive colour.



## **FOOD**

Seeds, nuts, berries, insects, small rodents and lizards.





- All Seasons Common
- All Seasons Uncommon
- Breeding Common
- Breeding Uncommon
- Winter Common
- Winter Uncommon
- Migration Common
- Migration Uncommon

(Map Source: www.audubon.org)

### **FACTS**

"Steller's and Blue jays are the only NA jays with crests."

"Where Steller's and Blue jays meet, the two species occasionally interbreed and produce hybrids."

"Steller's Jays are habitual nestrobbers, like many other jay species."

"The oldest recorded Steller's Jay was a male, and at least 16 years 1 month old when he was found in Alaska in 1987. He had been banded in the same state in 1972."

"The Steller's Jay can imitate birds, squirrels, cats, dogs, chickens, and some mechanical objects."

(Facts from: www.allaboutbirds.org)