

# White-tailed Jay

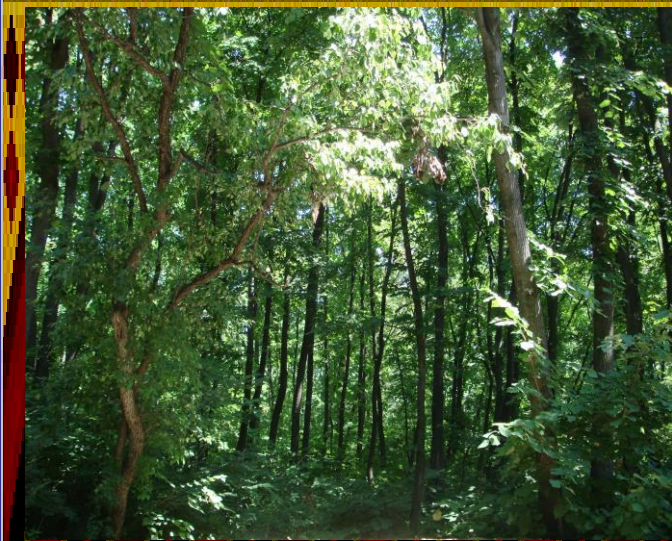
*Cyanocorax mystacalis*



This striking bird is found in South Western Ecuador and North Western Peru in South America. They are commonly found in semi-humid Forest to dry Woodland.

Although a spectacular and relatively common bird through most of its range, there is not a lot known about the White-tailed Jay. They are commonly seen around human settlements and have been known to take meat and human waste should the opportunity arise. They mostly forage for food on the ground in open areas in groups.

Belonging to the same family as Crows and Ravens, the Jays are also highly intelligent and have the ability to mimic sounds around them – including voices. Our pair was captive bred in South Africa and are only 2 years old – they reportedly only start breeding from around 4 years of age so we have a couple years to wait – they don't know that and already act like a mature pair.



**Lifespan:** 20 Years

**Weight:** 130 - 180 g

**Size:** 30 - 35 cm

**Breeding Season:** February - April

**Incubation Period:** 17 - 18 Days

**Number of Chicks:** 2 - 4

**Diet:** Beetles, Insects, Ants, Seeds, Eggs, Grains and Seeds

**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, Restriction of natural Range

**Conservation Status:** Not Globally Threatened.