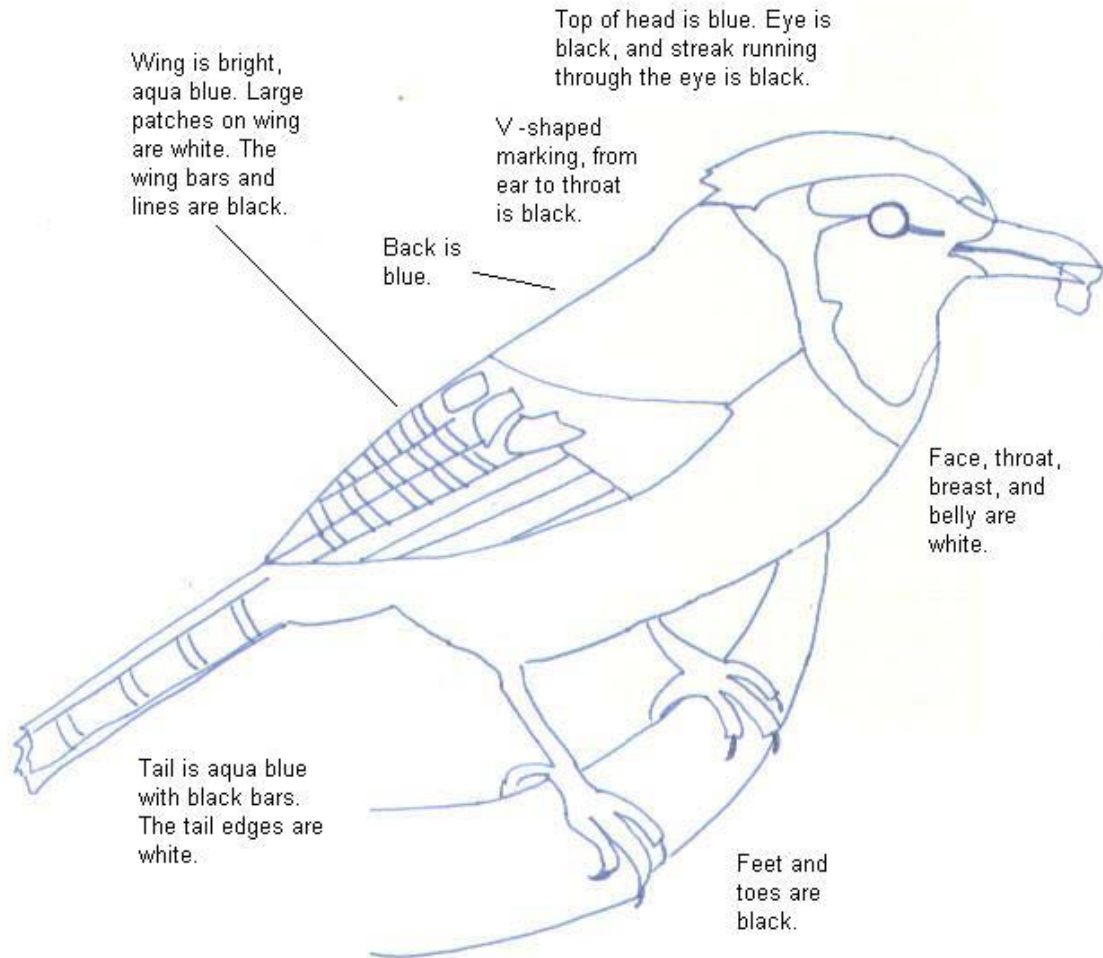


Blue Jay



Blue Jays are among the most beautiful birds to visit eastern backyards. Bold, noisy, and conspicuous, the Blue Jay cannot be confused with any other bird found in the east. The Blue Jay can be found in a variety of habitats including forests, parks, mountains, and suburbs. Aggressive by nature, small flocks of Blue Jays often dominate feeders. The Blue Jay is known to mimic the calls of other birds, including the Red-Tailed and Red-Shouldered Hawk. The foot long Blue Jay eats insects, fruit, nuts and seeds. In much of the eastern and central United States, the Blue Jay is the only jay to be found.