



## Birdie of the Month 3

The **Jay** (*Garrulus glandarius*)

This species can be seen **all the year round** at Childwall Golf Club due to the perfect habitat of **mixed deciduous trees**.

Jays have a **striking plumage**. They are pinkish-grey-brown with a white throat. The wing is black & white with a light-blue panel. The head has a broad black moustache with a black & white spotted crown. Although they are the most colourful members of the crow family, jays are actually quite difficult to see.

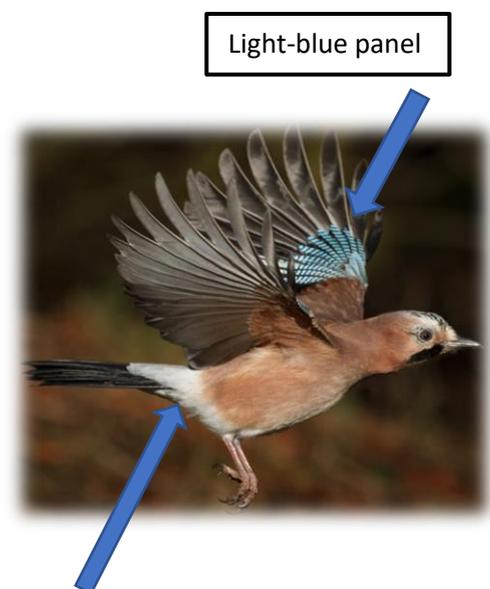
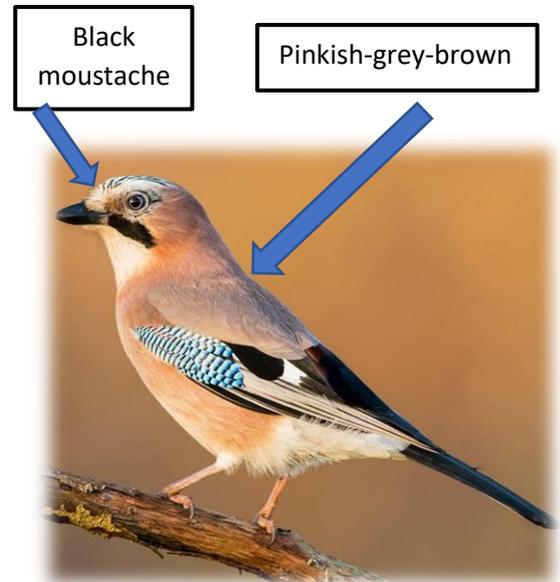
They are **shy birds** and rarely move far from cover.

The **screaming call** usually lets you know a jay is nearby and it is usually given when a bird is on the move. The call is a loud and intense, hoarse screech ("kschaach"). So, while on the golf course listen for the call and watch for a bird flying between the trees with its distinctive flash of **white on the rump**.

There are many **oak trees** on the golf course and Jays are famous for their acorn feeding habits. In the **Autumn** you may see them **burying acorns** for retrieving later in the Winter.

In the **Summer** Jays will also eat the **eggs and chicks** of smaller birds.

Jays usually nest in trees.



Look out for the white rump during flight