

Grue Jay

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Grue Jay Latest News

Researchers at the University of Texas at Austin have identified the first known hybrid of these species, a bird nicknamed the “Grue Jay,” according to a 2025 study published in *Ecology and Evolution*.

About the Grue Jay

- The **Grue Jay** is a **rare natural hybrid** between the **Blue Jay (Cyanocitta cristata)** and the **Green Jay (Cyanocorax yncas)**.
- It displays **turquoise-blue plumage** with **black facial markings**, combining features of both parent species.
- First spotted in **San Antonio, Texas (2023)** by a homeowner, later confirmed by researchers from the **University of Texas at Austin**.

Key Features of the Grue Jay

- **Appearance:** Body and tail resemble Blue Jay, but the **face mask** resembles Green Jay.

- **Behaviour:** Calls are a **blend** of both species; they appeared solitary rather than socially integrated.
- **Reproduction:** Being a male, it may be capable of reproducing, though hybrid sterility remains a risk.
- **Symbolism:** Like other hybrids such as the **“Pizzly Bear” (polar bear-grizzly)** and **“Zonkey” (zebra-donkey)**, the Grue Jay highlights **species interactions under stress**.

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