



Florida Scrub-jay (*Aphelocoma coerulescens*)

Size: Body length, 26 - 28 cm; wingspan, 34 - 41 cm; tail, 12.9 - 14.5 cm **Weight:** 72 - 79 g
Habitat: Low-growing oak scrub on well-drained sandy soil **Surviving number:** Estimated at 6,000 - 9,000



Photographed by Tom Vezo

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Help is here. Florida scrub-jay group members pitch in to help parents guard and feed chicks in the nest. In fact, male helpers are so dedicated to the role that they defer breeding until they have established their own territory. Cooperation is also the name of the game when foraging, as birds take turns scanning for predators while the rest of the group searches out arthropods,

acorns, small vertebrates and virtually anything edible. But faced with serious threats in the form of habitat loss and degradation, the species as a whole still needs all the help it can get.

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