

The Florida Scrub-Jay

What makes florida scrub-jays so special?

- Florida scrub-jays are the *only bird only found in florida!*
- Scrub-jays live in family groups of two to eight birds and are very territorial. Young from previous years often stay with their parents to defend the territory and to help raise young. This makes scrub-jays “cooperative breeders.”
- Scrub-jays are habitat specialists restricted to dry, sandy areas with shrubby oaks and very few trees. Historically, these “scrub” habitats were maintained by periodic fires.
- Most of the scrub-jay’s habitat was developed or converted to agriculture over the past century. Much of the remaining habitat has become too tall for scrub-jays due to fire suppression.
- Scrub-jays are declining and are listed as a threatened species.

What can you do to help scrub-jays?

- Support habitat restoration and management, especially controlled burns.
- Support land acquisition programs.
- Volunteer for TNC’s “Jay Watch” program.
- Keep cats indoors near jay habitat.
- Support “Teaming With Wildlife.”
- Introduce children to the outdoors.

For more information on scrub-jays, visit:

*MyFWC.com /
WILDLIFEHABITATS /
BirdSpecies_FLScrubJay.htm*

For information on managing for scrub-jays, links and upcoming events, visit:

*share2.MyFWC.com / scrubjay /
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