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Front Cover: EUROASIAN JAY (*Garrulus glandarius*)

The Latin name for the Euroasian Jay is derived from *Garrulus* means noisy or chattering, and *glandarius* is “of acorns”, a favoured food. Eight racial groups are recognised displaying variations features of plumage across races, which is used as a particularly striking example of the variation that can be found within species. The *atricapillus* group Middle East, Crimea and Turkey have a uniform mantle & nape, black crown and very pale face. The Eurasian jay is a common resident of Israeli towns and villages that have parks and green spaces. It is a songbird famous for its rasping calls and imitation of other birds. Eurasian jays have been reported to plan for future needs. Male Eurasian Jays also take into account the desires of their partner when sharing food with her as a courtship ritual. The pictures for the covers were generously provided by Mr. Moshe Tachnai.