Pileated Woodpecker

Dryocopus pileatus

Characteristics

The pileated woodpecker is about 15 inches in length and is one of the largest woodpeckers found in North America. It has a black body, a red crest, and white stripes on its neck. In flight shows pale bases to primaries on upperwing and entirely white underwing coverlet..
ADULT MALE: Red forehead & Red malar area.
ADULT FEMALE: Black forehead & Black malar stripe.

Habitat

The pileated woodpecker lives in mature deciduous, coniferous, or mixed forests; second growth woodlands with some large trees; wooded residential areas. Prefers woodlands near streams and rivers. Presence of large, dead trees is a habitat requirement.

Food

The pileated woodpecker eats insects, fruits and nuts. A large part of its diet is made up of carpenter ants and beetle larvae. It uses its sharp bill to pull bark off trees and expose ant colonies. It uses its long tongue to poke into holes and drag out ants.

Reproduction

The pileated woodpecker makes its nest in a tree cavity. The female lays four eggs. Both parents incubate the eggs during the day and the male incubates the eggs at night. The chicks hatch after a little more than two weeks and fledge when they are about a month old.

JELKS PRESERVE BIRD LIST (continued)

SPECIES	√	KEY	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Common Grackle *		R	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2
Boat-tailed Grackle		R	3	3	2	3		4		4			3	
Bachman's Sparrow		RV										4		
American Goldfinch		RV										4		

Birds of the Jelks Preserve is a handy reference guide for birders and visitors to this Sarasota County preserve.

The bird guide is the result of a weekly census conducted by the members of the Venice Area Audubon Society in 2001 & 2002. The one year census determined that 83 bird species were located on the preserve. See something new? Please let us know by e-mail or phone, or call the Venice Area Audubon Society Birding Hotline: 493-9476.

The Jelks Preserve provides the birder an opportunity to observe the most species during migrations. (September through November, and March through May).

The Jelks Preserve

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(Dryocopus pileatus)

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JELKS PRESERVE BIRD LIST

KEY
R - resident
M - migrant
RV - resident visitor
OHV - overhead visitor
* - denotes nests in season

1 - Abundant (always seen)
2 - Common (usually seen)
3 - Uncommon (sometimes seen)
4 - Rare (seldom seen)

SPECIES	√	KEY	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Brown Pelican		OHV				4								
Double-crested Cormorant		OHV		4										
Great Egret		RV	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Great Blue Heron		RV	3								3	3	3	3
Little Blue Heron		RV	3	3	3	3				3		3		
Tri-colored Heron		RV	3											
Snowy Egret		RV				3								
Green Heron		RV									3			
Black-crowned Night Heron		OHV							3			3		
White Ibis		OHV	3	3	3	2	3		3		3	2	3	3
Wood Stork		OHV	3	3	3	3	3			3	3	3	3	3
Wood Duck		OHV	3	4	3	3	3			3	4	3	3	3
Mottled Duck		OHV		3						3				
Black Vulture		RV	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1
Turkey Vulture		OHV	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3
Red-shouldered Hawk		RV	3	3	2	1	3	3	3		3	3	2	3
Red-tailed Hawk		OHV	3											
American Kestrel		RV	3	3								3	3	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk		OHV	3	3	3								3	3
Cooper's Hawk		OHV	3	3	3								3	3
American Swallow-tail Kite		OHV			3	3	3	3	3					
Osprey *		R	2	2	2	2	2	2		3	3	3		3
Northern Bobwhite *		R				3				3	3			

SPECIES	√	KEY	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Sandhill Crane		OHV	3			3							3	
Laughing Gull		OHV	2	3	2	2			3				2	2
Ring-billed Gull		OHV	3	2										3
Greater Yellowlegs		RV												4
Killdeer		OHV	3	3									3	3
Mourning Dove *		R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Common Ground Dove *		R	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		
Eurasian Collared Dove *		R		4										
Screech Owl *		R									4			
Barred Owl *		R									4			
Chimney Swift		OHV						3	3	3				
Belted Kingfisher		RV	4									4		3
Red-bellied Woodpecker *		R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Downey Woodpecker *		R				3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Hairy Woodpecker		R											4	
Northern Flicker *		R	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2
Pileated Woodpecker *		R	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
Eastern Phoebe		RV	3	3	3	3	3	3					2	2
Great Crested Fly-catcher *		RV		3	3	2	2	3	3					
Tree Swallow		OHV	1	1	2								1	1
Barn Swallow		OHV									4			
Purple Martin		OHV				3	3	3						
Blue Jay *		R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
American Crow *		R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Fish Crow		OHV			3					3		3	3	3
Tufted Titmouse *		R	3	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	3		
Carolina Wren *		R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
House Wren		RV	3	3									3	3

SPECIES	√	KEY	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Ruby-crowned Kinglet		RV	3	3	3	3							3	3
Blue-gray Gnat-catcher *		R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1
American Robin		RV	1	1	3								1	1
Eastern Bluebird		RV			3									
Gray Catbird		RV	1	1	1	1	3					1	1	1
Northern Mocking-bird *		R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Loggerhead Shrike		RV	3											
Cedar Waxwing		RV	2	2	3									
Brown Thrasher		R										3		
Blue-headed Vireo		RV	3	3	3	3							3	3
Yellow-throated		RV				4								
White-eyed Vireo *		R	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Red-eyed Vireo		M									4	4		
Pine Warbler *		R	3	3	3	3	3							3
Palm Warbler		RV	2	2	2	3						2	2	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler		RV	1	1	2								1	1
Yellow-throated Warbler		RV	4			4					4	4		
American Redstart		M				4						4		
Worm-eating War-		M				4								
Northern Parula *		RV		3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	4		
Prairie Warbler		RV										4	4	
Northern Water-		M										4		
Ovenbird		M		4								4		
Common Yellow-throat *		R	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Indigo Bunting		M										4		
Eastern Towhee *		R	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3
Northern Cardinal *		R	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Red-winged Black-		R	2	3	3	3	3			3		2	2	