

## BEHAVIORAL TRAITS OF A RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

### General:

A small bird with black feet, legs, tail, and back. Its wings are primarily black, however they have a large section of white in the middle of them. The head, neck, throat and upper breast are red.

### Range and Habitat:

Breeds from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Quebec south to Florida and Gulf Coast. Scarce in northeastern states. Winters in southern part of breeding range.

### Breeding and Nesting:

Four to seven white eggs are laid in snag, limb of living tree, or dead tree, drilled mostly by male. Incubation ranes from 12 to 14 days and is carried out by both sexes.

### Foraging and Feeding:

Eats various insects, spiders, millipedes, and centipedes; sometimes takes eggs and young of other birds, mice, corn, grains, various nuts, and berries. Forages by hunting from low perches, flying down to ground to pick up prey or nut.

### Readily Eats:

Fruit, Nuts, Sugar Water, Sunflower Seed

### Vocalization:

Farily noisy during breeding season with a bold and grating "queark" or "queer,queer,queer" or "kerr-uck,kerr-uck".

### Similar Species:

Similar to this bird is Red-bellied Woodpecker, which has red crown and nape only and barred black-and-white upperparts.



### Breeding Locations:

Forest edge, Grassland with scattered trees, Mountains

### Breeding Type:

Yes but uncommon

### Breeding Population:

Forest edge, Grassland with scattered trees, Mountains

### Egg Color: White

### Number of Eggs: 4 - 7

### Incubation Days: 12 - 14

### Egg Incubator: Female

### Nest Material: No nest materials.

### Migration: Some migrate