



- **Bird of the Month: Pileated Woodpecker**

One of North America's largest and most striking woodpeckers, the Pileated Woodpecker is easy to spot with its bold black body and bright red crest. Its loud, echoing calls and powerful drumming make it a true standout in the forest.

- **Cool Facts**

This species is famous for chiseling large, rectangular holes in trees while searching for carpenter ants—its favorite food. These excavations often provide homes for other wildlife after the woodpecker moves on. Despite their size, they're surprisingly elusive, preferring mature forests with plenty of dead wood.

- **Fun Behavior**

Pileated Woodpeckers don't just peck—they *hammer* with incredible force, leaving behind dramatic wood chips at the base of trees. Pairs often stay together year-round and defend large territories.

- **Where to Find Them**

Look (and listen!) in wooded areas, especially where tall trees and fallen logs are abundant. You might hear them before you see them!

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