

The ***RED-HEADED WOODPECKER*** is known for its distinctive red markings and loud, harsh calls. The birds are omnivorous, eating nuts, berries, insects, and even small rodents and the bark of trees.

Once very common throughout the United States, the species is now threatened in the eastern U.S. and has been decreasing in number continuously in Canada.

Reasons for the decline may include loss of nest sites (due to the cutting of dead trees) and rivalry with other birds for nest cavities. During its flight to catch insects, the woodpecker is often struck by cars along roadsides.

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