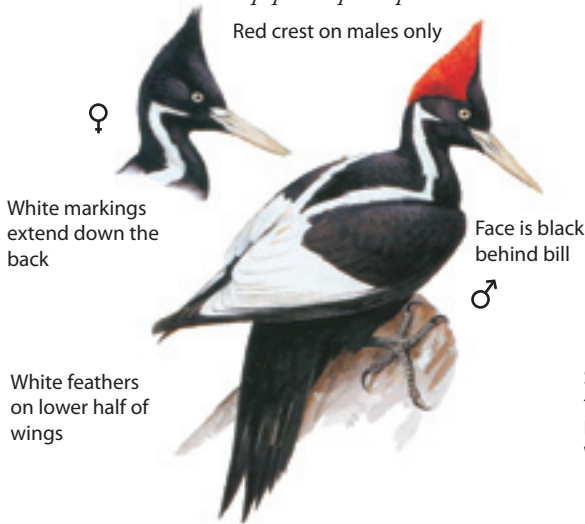


IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER

Campephilus principalis

Red crest on males only



Once believed extinct, the Ivory-billed Woodpecker is extremely rare with sightings limited to remote river bottoms. The Ivory-billed Woodpecker is the largest woodpecker in Arkansas, distinguishable by large amounts of white on the lower halves of its wings. Its call is a series of nasal sounds similar to a child's toy horn, often referred to as the "kent" call.



PILEATED WOODPECKER

Dryocopus pileatus

Red crest on females and males

Face has alternating bands of black and white



The Pileated Woodpecker is fairly common in Arkansas with many sightings in urban back yards. About the size of a crow, this woodpecker may also inhabit areas considered ideal for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. There is very little white visible on the back of the bird. The call of the Pileated is a very loud, accelerating series of notes, sounding like "kuk kuk kuk."

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Identifying Field Marks of an Ivory-billed Woodpecker and similar birds in flight

In flight - view from below

- ◆ Ivory-bill has white trailing edge on wing; Pileated is dark.
- ◆ Ivory-bill is more slender than Pileated, and slightly larger at 20 inches.
- ◆ Ivory-bill's tail feathers are longer and more pointed than Pileated's.



White trailing edge of wing



Pileated Woodpecker

Red-headed Woodpecker

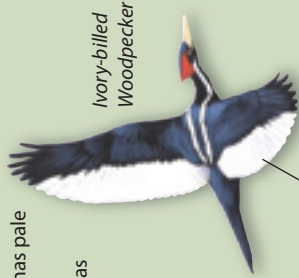


Wood Duck



In flight - view from above

- ◆ Ivory-bill has white trailing edge on wing; Pileated is dark.
- ◆ Ivory-bill has two white stripes that converge on lower back.
- ◆ Ivory-bill has pale ivory bill; Pileated has dark bill.



White trailing edge of wing



Pileated Woodpecker

Wood Duck



Red-headed Woodpecker



Conservationists and sportsmen have helped conserve large tracts of land for waterfowl habitat, and they are largely responsible for saving the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. These identification tips will help anyone who spends time in bottomland hardwoods distinguish an Ivory-billed Woodpecker from a Pileated Woodpecker and other similar birds. A glimpse is often the most a birder can hope for – study the illustrations carefully.

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