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Species Profile

Environmental Conservation Online System

Red-Cockaded woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*)

Kingdom: Animalia **Class:** Aves **Order:** Piciformes
Family: Picidae

Listing Status: **Endangered**

Where Listed: **WHEREVER FOUND**

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General Information

22 cm. Rather small black-and-white woodpecker with longish bill. Above black barred white. Below white with black spots on flanks. Black crown, nape and moustachial stripe border white cheeks and side of neck. Male has small red mark on the side of nape. Juvenile browner with variable extent of red on crown.



This species is listed wherever it is found, but

States/US

Territories in which the Red-Cockaded woodpecker is known to or is believed to occur:

[Alabama](#) ,

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 , [Texas](#) ,
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US Counties in which the Red-Cockaded woodpecker is known to or is believed to occur: [View All](#)

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For more information: <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/woodpecker.pdf>

Current Listing Status Summary

Status	Date Listed	Lead Region	Where Listed
Endangered	10/13/1970	Southeast Region (Region 4)	

» Federal Register Documents

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Date	Citation Page	Title
09/12/2005	70 FR 53807 53808	5-Year Review of Eight Southeastern Species
03/20/2003	68 FR 13719 13720	Notice of Availability of the Second Revision of the Recovery Plan for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>)
11/21/2002	67 FR 70237 70240	Reopening of Public Comment Period for the Technical/Agency Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>)
06/28/2002	67 FR 43678 43680	Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit by Woodlands Group L.L.C. in Livingston Parish, LA
04/17/2001	66 FR 19792 19794	Availability of a Draft Combined Environmental Assessment and Habitat Conservation Plan, Preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact, and Notice of Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit by Plum Creek Timber Company for Forest Management and Timber Harvest on Plum Creek Lands in Arkansas and Louisiana

» Recovery

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Current Recovery Plan(s)

Date	Title	Plan Action Status	Plan Status

03/20/2003	Red-cockaded Woodpecker Recovery Plan, Second Revision	View Implementation Progress	Final Revision 2
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Other Recovery Documents (Showing 3 of 3)

Date	Citation Page	Title	Document Type
09/12/2005	70 FR 53807 53808	5-Year Review of Eight Southeastern Species	• Notice 5-year Review
03/20/2003	68 FR 13719 13720	Notice of Availability of the Second Revision of the Recovery Plan for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>)	• Notice Final Recovery Plan Availability
09/13/2000	65 FR 55270 55269	Notice of Availability of a Technical/Agency Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (<i>Picoides borealis</i>) for Review and Comment	• Notice Recovery Plan Avail.

Five Year Review

Date	Title
10/05/2006	Red-cockaded Woodpecker 5-Year Review

» Critical Habitat

No critical habitat rules have been published for the Red-Cockaded woodpecker.

» Conservation Plans**Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) ([learn more](#)) (Showing 5 of 21: [view all](#))**

HCP Plan Summaries
Ben McCutcheon
Charles Ingram Lumber Co., Amos McLeod
City Gate
Cone, Ben (Cone's Folly)
Cooper-Turner

Safe Harbor Agreements (SHA): ([learn more](#)) (Showing 5 of 13: [view all](#))

SHA Plan Summaries
AL DCNR Statewide RCW
A Plan to Provide Safe Harbor Assurances to Landowners in VA who Voluntarily Agree to Enhance Habitat for the Endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission RCW Statewide
GA DNR Statewide RCW

» Petitions

No petition findings have been published for the Red-Cockaded woodpecker.

» Life History

No Life History information has been entered into this system for this species.

» Other Resources

[NatureServe Explorer Species Reports](#) -- NatureServe Explorer is a source for authoritative conservation information on more than 50,000 plants, animals and ecological communities of the U.S and Canada. NatureServe Explorer provides in-depth information on rare and endangered species, but includes common plants and animals too. NatureServe Explorer is a product of NatureServe in collaboration with the Natural Heritage Network.

[ITIS Reports](#) -- ITIS (the Integrated Taxonomic Information System) is a source for authoritative taxonomic information on plants, animals, fungi, and microbes of North America and the world.

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