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Red-headed woodpecker

Threatened in Quebec – Threatened in Canada



Approx. 20 cm

CHARACTERISTICS



- Bright red head, neck and throat.
- White underparts and rump.
- Large white spot on each wing.
- Black tail, bluish-black back.



April



Mid-April to mid-August



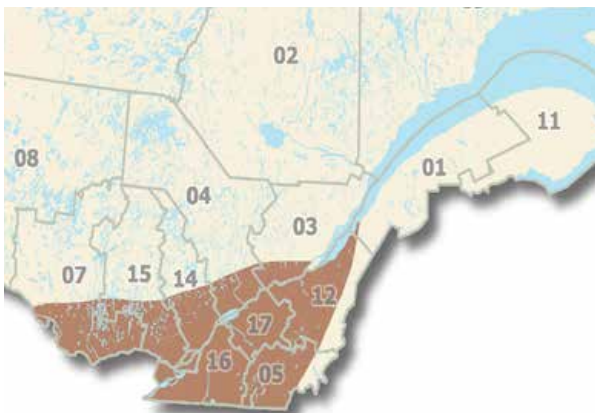
Late May to mid-September

HABITAT



- Open deciduous forests.
- Cleared land with a few trees.
- Forest edges.
- Nests in dead tree cavities (snags).
- Winters mainly in the U.S., but may be present in Quebec year-round.

DISTRIBUTION IN QUEBEC



Source : CDPNQ



THREATS



- Cutting down dying trees reduces the number of snags available and increases competition between different wildlife species for nesting cavities.
- Tree disease, which reduces the availability or quantity of large trees and reduces the availability of certain food sources for the species, such as beech faines and other types of nuts.
- Conversion of woodlands for residential and agricultural development.
- Decline in insect populations caused by the use of pesticides.



Avoid forestry operations during breeding and rearing periods.



Follow the recommendations in the *Snags* and *Open Environments* fact sheets.

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