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Red-headed woodpecker

Threatened in Quebec – Threatened in Canada

CHARACTERISTICS



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

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.

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.

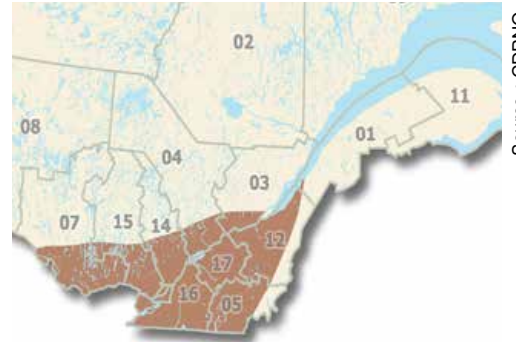


April

Mid-April to mid-August

Late May to mid-September

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MANAGE YOUR WOODLOT AND MAINTAIN BIODIVERSITY



Avoid forestry operations during breeding and rearing periods.



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

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