

Cache River

National Wildlife Refuge Bird List

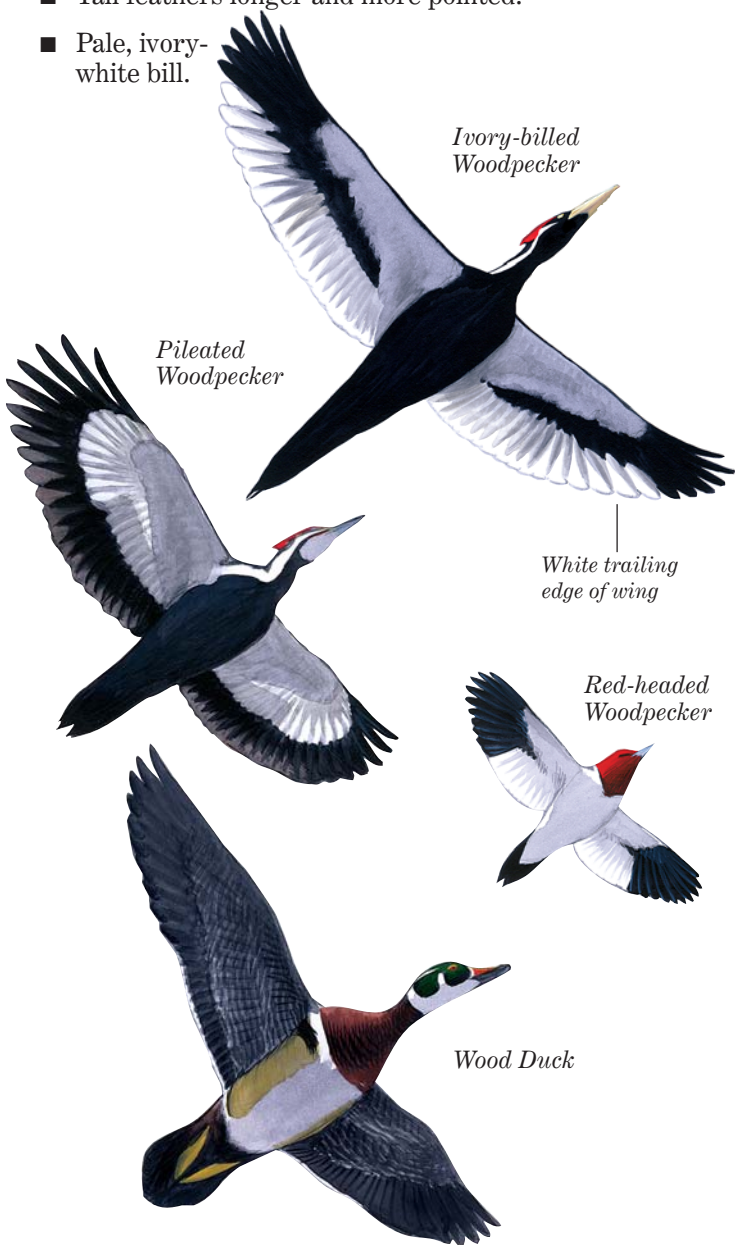


Identifying Field Marks of an Ivory-billed Woodpecker and Similar Birds

In flight - view from below

Distinct Ivory-billed Woodpecker characteristics:

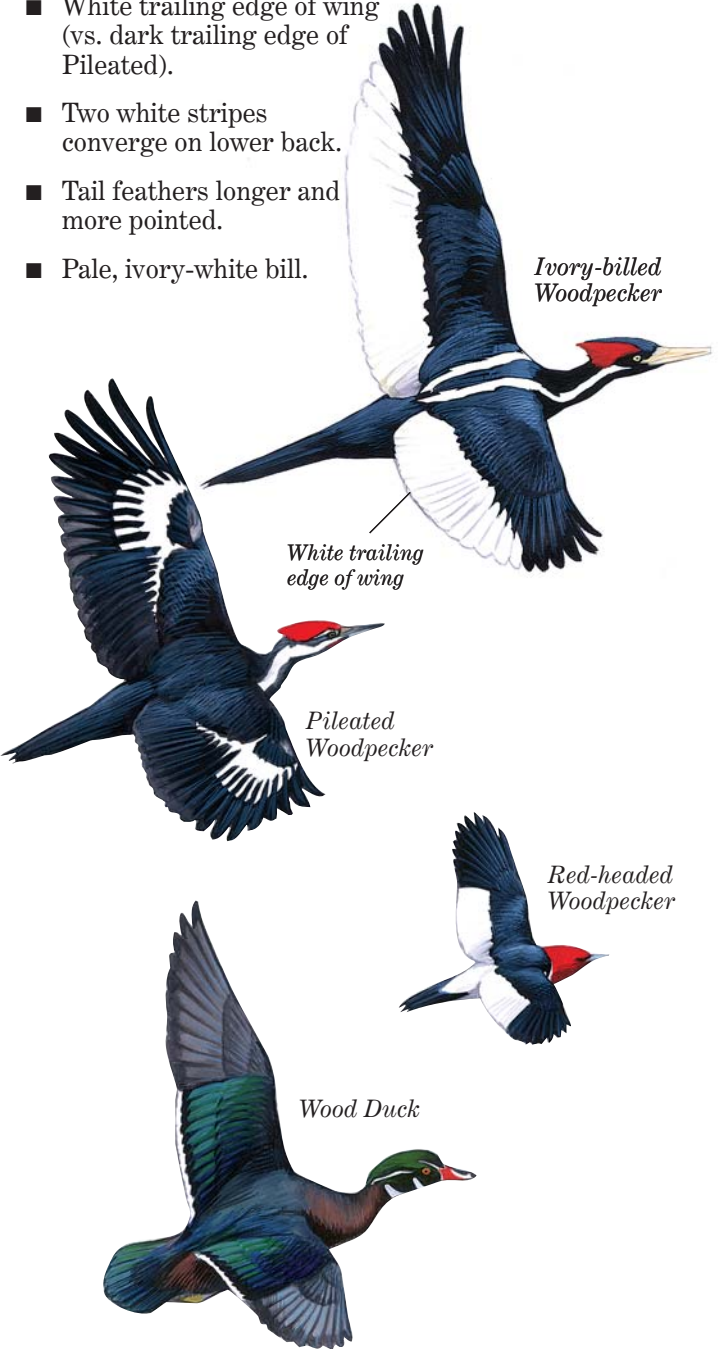
- White trailing edge of wing (vs. dark trailing edge of Pileated).
- Wing more slender than Pileated.
- Tail feathers longer and more pointed.
- Pale, ivory-white bill.



In flight - view from above

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- Two white stripes converge on lower back.
- Tail feathers longer and more pointed.
- Pale, ivory-white bill.



Ivory-billed Woodpecker

White trailing edge of wing

Pileated Woodpecker

Red-headed Woodpecker

Wood Duck

At rest

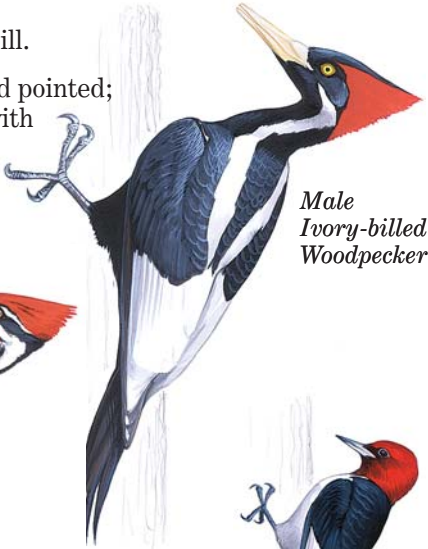
Distinct Ivory-billed Woodpecker characteristics:

- Two white stripes converge on lower back.
- Entirely white secondary feathers obvious as white patch or shield.
- Largely dark face and dark chin (vs. white chin of Pileated).
- Pale, ivory-white bill.
- Crest is curved and pointed; male crest is red with black forehead (Pileated male crest is entirely red).

*Male
Pileated
Woodpecker*



*Male
Ivory-billed
Woodpecker*



*Red-headed
Woodpecker*



Female Head

- Female Ivory-bill crest is entirely black (female Pileated crest resembles male ivory-billed red crest with black forehead – use chin color as distinguishing feature)

*Female
Pileated
Woodpecker*



*Female
Ivory-billed
Woodpecker*



Guidelines for recording a sighting

If you believe you may have seen an Ivory-billed Woodpecker, immediately after the sighting, make a drawing of what you saw, noting the following characteristics:

- Color of trailing edge of wing (white vs. black)
- Crest and forehead color
- Bill color
- Chin color
- Relative size
- Vocalizations
- Habitat

If you are with someone else, individuals should make their own notes without conferring with each other.

Please report any sightings to refuge officials and to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology via its website:

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/ivory>

Please bookmark these important websites:

<http://www.fws.gov/ivorybill>

Information on the recovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker

<http://cacheriver.fws.gov/>

Up-to-date information on refuge public use and regulations

<http://www.agfc.com>

Arkansas hunting regulations

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/ivory>

To report sightings of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker



photo: Ray Paterra

Cache River National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1986 to protect significant wetland habitats and provide feeding and resting areas for migrating waterfowl. This refuge follows portions of the White River, Cache River and Bayou De View. These historic bottomland hardwood swamps provide extremely valuable habitat for over 200 different species of birds. The Cache/Lower White River basin was identified as the single most important wintering area for mallard ducks in North America. The Cache River National Wildlife Refuge is a Wetland of International Importance designated in 1989 as a result of the Ramsar Convention. The Cache/Lower White River Important Bird Area (IBA) has been nominated for international recognition as a global IBA by the Arkansas Audubon Society.

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the order established by the American Ornithologists' Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

Seasonal Appearance

Sp- Spring March-May

S- Summer June-August

F- Fall September-November

W- Winter December-February

Seasonal Abundance

a— abundant (common species - very numerous)

c— common (certain to be seen in suitable habitat)

u— uncommon (present but not certain to be seen)

o— occasional (seen only a few times a season)

r — rare (seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years)

x — accidental

* — breeds on the refuge

” — Non-verified occurrence on Refuge, but has potential

Please report sightings of non-verified species to the refuge.

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Common Name				
Ducks, Geese, and Swans				
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	o	o	o	
Fulvous Whistling-Duck “				
Greater White-fronted Goose	o		o	c
Snow Goose	c		c	c
Ross’s Goose	u		u	u
Canada Goose *	c	o	c	c
Trumpeter Swan “				
Wood Duck *	c	c	c	c
Gadwall	c		c	c
American Wigeon	c		c	c
American Black Duck	o		o	o
Mallard *	c		c	c
Mottled Duck “				
Blue-winged Teal	c		o	c
Northern Shoveler	c		c	c
Northern Pintail	c		c	c
Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
Canvasback	o		o	o
Redhead	o		o	o
Ring-necked Duck	c		c	c
Greater Scaup “				
Lesser Scaup	o		o	o
Bufflehead	c		c	c
Common Goldeneye “				
Hooded Merganser *	c		c	c
Common Merganser	r		r	r
Red-breasted Merganser				x
Ruddy Duck	c		c	c
Turkey and Quail				
Wild Turkey *	c	c	c	c
Northern Bobwhite *	c	c	c	c
Loons and Grebes				
Common Loon “				
Pied-billed Grebe *	c	c	c	c
Horned Grebe”				
Eared Grebe”				
Pelicans, Cormorants and Anhingas				
American White Pelican	o	u	o	u
Double-crested Cormorant *	c	u	c	c
Anhinga *	u	u	u	u
Bitterns, Egrets, and Herons				
American Bittern	u		u	r
Least Bittern “				
Great Blue Heron *	c	c	c	c
Great Egret *	c	c	c	c
Snowy Egret *	c	c	c	
Little Blue Heron *	c	c	c	

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Tricolored Heron “				
Cattle Egret *	c	u	c	
Green Heron *	c	c	c	
Black-crowned Night-Heron *	u	u	u	o
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron *	u	u	u	
Spoonbills and Storks				
Roseate Spoonbill			r	
Wood Stork		u	u	
New World Vultures				
Black Vulture *	c	c	c	c
Turkey Vulture *	c	c	c	c
Osprey, Hawks, Eagles and Falcons				
Osprey “				
Swallow-tailed Kite “				
Mississippi Kite *	c	c	c	
Bald Eagle *	u	u	u	c
Northern Harrier	c		c	c
Sharp-shinned Hawk *	c	r	c	u
Cooper’s Hawk		r		u
Red-shouldered Hawk *	c	c	c	c
Broad-winged Hawk *	c	u	c	
Red-tailed Hawk *	c	c	c	c
Golden Eagle “				
American Kestrel	o	r	o	c
Peregrine Falcon “				
Rails, Gallinules and Cranes				
Yellow Rail “				
Black Rail “				
King Rail *	o	r	o	r
Virginia Rail “				
Sora “				
Purple Gallinule “				
Common Moorhen “				
American Coot *	o	u	o	c
Sandhill Crane	r		r	r
Plovers, Stilts and Sandpipers				
American Golden-Plover	c		u	o
Killdeer *	c	c	c	c
Black-necked Stilt	o	u	u	
American Avocet “				
Greater Yellowlegs	c	o	c	
Lesser Yellowlegs	c	c	c	
Solitary Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c	
Semipalmated Sandpiper “				
Least Sandpiper	c	o	c	u
Pectoral Sandpiper	c		c	c
Short-billed Dowitcher “				

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Long-billed Dowitcher	o		c	
Wilson's Snipe	c		c	u
American Woodcock *	u	u	u	u
Gulls and Terns				
Franklin's Gull "				
Bonaparte's Gull "				
Ring-billed Gull	c		c	c
Herring Gull "				
Caspian Tern "				
Forster's Tern	c		c	
Least Tern "				
Black Tern "				
Doves and Pigeons				
Rock Pigeon "				
Eurasian Collared-Dove *	u	u	u	u
Mourning Dove *	c	c	c	c
Inca Dove "				
Cuckoos and Roadrunners				
Black-billed Cuckoo "				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo *	c	c	c	
Greater Roadrunner "				
Owls				
Barn Owl *	o	o	o	o
Eastern Screech-Owl *	u	u	u	u
Great Horned Owl *	u	u	u	u
Barred Owl *	c	c	c	c
Long-eared Owl "				
Short-eared Owl "				
Goatsuckers				
Common Nighthawk *	c	c	c	
Chuck-will's-widow "				
Whip-poor-will	o	c	o	
Swifts, Hummingbirds and Kingfishers				
Chimney Swift *	c	c	c	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird *	c	c	c	
Belted Kingfisher *	c	u	c	c
Woodpeckers				
Red-headed Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
Red-bellied Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	c		c	c
Downy Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
Hairy Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
Northern Flicker *	c	u	c	c
Pileated Woodpecker *	c	c	c	c
Ivory-billed Woodpecker	r	r	r	r

	<i>SP</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>W</i>
Flycatchers				
Olive-sided Flycatcher “				
Eastern Wood-Pewee *	c	c	c	
Acadian Flycatcher *	c	c	c	
Least Flycatcher “				
Eastern Phoebe *	c	c	c	
Great Crested Flycatcher *	c	c	c	
Eastern Kingbird *	c	c	c	
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher *	c	c	c	r
Shrikes				
Loggerhead Shrike *	o	c	o	r
Vireos				
White-eyed Vireo *	c	c	c	
Bell’s Vireo “				
Yellow-throated Vireo *	c	c	c	
Blue-headed Vireo	c		c	
Warbling Vireo *	u	u	u	
Philadelphia Vireo	u		o	
Red-eyed Vireo *	c	c	c	
Jays, Crows, Larks and Swallows				
Blue Jay *	c	c	c	c
American Crow *	c	c	c	c
Fish Crow *	c	c	c	c
Horned Lark *	c	c	c	c
Purple Martin *	c	c	c	o
Tree Swallow *	c	c	c	o
Northern Rough-winged Swallow *	c	c	c	
Bank Swallow	c	r	c	
Cliff Swallow *	c	c	c	
Barn Swallow *	c	c	c	
Chickadees, Titmice, Nuthatches, Creepers				
Carolina Chickadee *	c	c	c	c
Tufted Titmouse *	c	c	c	c
Red-breasted Nuthatch				x
White-breasted Nuthatch *	u	u	u	u
Brown Creeper	c		c	c
Wrens				
Carolina Wren *	c	c	c	c
Bewick’s Wren “				
House Wren *	c	o	c	u
Winter Wren	u		u	u
Sedge Wren	o	r	o	
Marsh Wren “				
Kinglets and Gnatcatchers				
Golden-crowned Kinglet	c		o	c
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	c		c	c
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher *	c	c	o	

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Thrushes, Mockingbird and Thrasher				
Eastern Bluebird *	c	c	c	
Veery	u			
Gray-cheeked Thrush	o			
Swainson's Thrush	c		o	
Hermit Thrush	c		o	c
Wood Thrush	c	c	c	
American Robin *	c	c	c	c
Gray Catbird *	o	c		r
Northern Mockingbird *	o	o		
Brown Thrasher *	c	c	c	c
Starling, Pipits, and Waxwings				
European Starling *	c	c	c	c
American Pipit	o		c	c
Sprague's Pipit	r			r
Cedar Waxwing *	c		o	c
Warblers				
Blue-winged Warbler	o	u	u	
Golden-winged Warbler	u		u	
Tennessee Warbler	c		c	
Orange-crowned Warbler	c		c	u
Nashville Warbler	c		c	
Northern Parula *	c	c	c	
Yellow Warbler	c	u	c	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	o	r	u	
Magnolia Warbler	c		u	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	c		c	c
Black-throated Green Warbler	c	u	u	
Blackburnian Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-throated Warbler *	u	u	u	
Pine Warbler *	u	u	u	u
Prairie Warbler “				
Bay-breasted Warbler “				
Blackpoll Warbler	o			
Cerulean Warbler		u		
American Redstart	c	u	c	
Prothonotary Warbler *	c	c	c	
Worm-eating Warbler *	u	u	u	
Swainson's Warbler *	c	c	c	
Ovenbird *	u	u	u	
Northern Waterthrush	c	o	c	
Louisiana Waterthrush *	o	o	o	
Kentucky Warbler *	c	c		
Mourning Warbler “				
Common Yellowthroat *	u	u	u	
Hooded Warbler *	o	c	c	
Wilson's Warbler	u	o	u	
Canada Warbler	u		u	
Yellow-breasted Chat *	c	c	c	

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Tanagers, Sparrows, Grosbeaks and Buntings				
Summer Tanager *	c	c	c	
Scarlet Tanager *	u	u	u	
Eastern Towhee *	c	c	c	c
American Tree Sparrow “				
Chipping Sparrow *	c	c	c	c
Clay-colored Sparrow “				
Field Sparrow *	c	c	c	c
Vesper Sparrow	u		u	u
Lark Sparrow “				
Savannah Sparrow	u		u	c
Grasshopper Sparrow *	u	u	u	
Le Conte’s Sparrow	u		u	u
Nelson’s Sharp-tailed Sparrow “				
Fox Sparrow “				
Song Sparrow	c		c	c
Lincoln’s Sparrow	u			u
Swamp Sparrow	c		c	c
White-throated Sparrow	c		c	c
White-crowned Sparrow	c		c	c
Dark-eyed Junco	c		c	c
Lapland Longspur	o		o	c
Smith’s Longspur”				
Northern Cardinal *	c	c	c	c
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	c		u	
Blue Grosbeak *	c	c	c	
Indigo Bunting *	c	c	c	r
Painted Bunting “				
Dickcissel *	c	c	c	r
Bobolink, Blackbird, Meadowlark and Orioles				
Bobolink	c		u	
Red-winged Blackbird *	c	c	c	c
Eastern Meadowlark *	c	c	c	c
Rusty Blackbird	c		c	c
Brewer’s Blackbird “				
Common Grackle *	c	c	c	c
Brown-headed Cowbird *	c	c	c	c
Orchard Oriole *	c	c	c	
Baltimore Oriole “				
Finches and House Sparrow				
Purple Finch	u			x
House Finch “				
Pine Siskin “				
American Goldfinch *	c	c	c	c
House Sparrow *	c	c	c	c

Sighting Notes

Date

Time

Weather

No. of Species

Route or Area

Observers

Remarks



This blue goose, designed by J. N. "Ding" Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

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