



The Flicker is a large common Woodpecker. The Eastern Flicker has a black mustache and a red mark at the back of its head. Its wings and tail are bright yellow underneath. The Western Flicker has red under its wings and a red mustache.

Flickers live in old orchards and open woods. They search the trees for grubs and beetles, but they also feed on the ground a great deal. They seem especially fond of poison-ivy berries.

Like other Woodpeckers, Flickers dig deep nests in trees. The female lays five to nine shiny white eggs. Flickers do not mind people. They often feed on lawns and nest in backyards.