



The Red-Headed Woodpecker is the only Woodpecker whose entire head and throat are red. With its black and white body markings it is a handsome bird. The females lack the bright colors. Like other Woodpeckers it has a sharp, heavy bill, and tail feathers which are short and stiff. These support the Woodpecker as it clings to a tree trunk, digging away for grubs, beetles, and ants.

Red-headed Woodpeckers nest in trees or even posts, digging a hole sometimes two feet deep. In it the female lays four to six white eggs.