

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Picoides nuttallii

A small woodpecker confined primarily to the oak woodlands of California.

Keys to Identification

Adult Description

- Small black-and-white woodpecker
- Black-and-white barred back, with unbarred black region at top of back

Male Description

Forehead black, streaked with white on center of crown, red on rear crown and upper nape.

Female Description

Forehead, crown, and nape black with some white streaking.

Immature Description

Juveniles of both sexes have red on crown. Red feathering is less extensive than on adult male.

Cool Facts

- Although Nuttall's Woodpeckers are nearly confined to oak woodlands, they do not eat acorns.

Measurements

Both Sexes

- Length - 6.3 - 7.1 inches
- Weight - 1.1 - 1.6 ounces

