

Black-Rumped Flameback

This colorful, crow-sized woodpecker lives in India. Most *flamebacks* prefer forests and the countryside. But they also hang out in towns and cities. They eat lots of beetles, termites, and other insects. Other favorite foods include flower **nectar**, fallen fruit, and people's food scraps.



Stop That Thief!

Squirrels and jays often try to rob acorn woodpeckers' food supplies. But if spotted, a group of the woodpeckers will screech and chase the thieves away.





Acorn Woodpecker

In the fall, *acorn woodpeckers* gather thousands of acorns from oak trees to eat during the winter. Where do they stash all those goodies? In holes they make in tree trunks! One woodpecker tree was discovered with 50,000 holes in it!

Acorn woodpeckers love acorns, of course, but they also zoom out from their perches to snag flying insects from the air.



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Let's Get Ready to Read!

Dear Parents and Educators,

This guide will help your reader explore, examine, and engage with the nonfiction book *Woodpeckers*. The included activities will strengthen their reading comprehension skills and provide them with opportunities to write and talk about the text. Your reader will delve into the text and analyze it in a more structured and detailed way. Help your reader on their reading journey by working alongside them as they read the book. Ask and answer questions, and offer guidance and support, as needed. Be sure to read through pages 4–5 for helpful instructional ideas.

On this page, you will find information about Blue Star Education's partnership with Ranger Rick and the National Wildlife Federation as well as some fun activities to help foster your reader's love of reading!

Just 4 Fun!

- Work with other parents or teachers to arrange a book club meeting so your reader can discuss the book with peers. Provide a comfy, cool setting and some yummy treats!
- Set up a book nook! Find a quiet corner. Add a few blankets and pillows. Maybe grab a beanbag chair or poof! Be sure there is a lamp or overhead light and—*voila!*—you have a nifty nook any reader would love.
- Challenge your reader to conduct further research on the topic mentioned in the book. Ask them to display what they have learned from their research in a creative way, such as an infographic, collage, or theatrical skit.

The Partnership

Blue Star Education's proud partnership with the National Wildlife Federation and Ranger Rick has made possible the creation of products that combine reading, writing, and science in an exciting and unique way meant to help enrich knowledge and appreciation of the natural world.

The National Wildlife Federation & Ranger Rick

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) strives to unite all Americans to ensure that wildlife thrives in a rapidly changing world. It believes that healthy water, clean air, and public lands are a birthright of all Americans. From the tiniest of insects to the largest of mammals, the NWF wants to ensure the legacy of America's wildlife for future generations.

In January 1967, a new conservationist came on the scene. Knowledgeable, small, and furry, this little leader was ready to foster a healthy and life-long appreciation of nature in children. His name: Ranger Rick! More than 50 years later, Ranger Rick continues to entertain and educate children about the natural world through various media, including the highly successful magazine series.



Name:

ACTIVITY 3

Which Woodpecker Would ...?

Directions: Read the question. Then, use your *Woodpeckers* book to help you find the correct answer. Draw a line matching the question with the correct answer.

1. Which woodpecker would you find in India hanging out in the countryside?
2. Which red-crested woodpecker could be found hammering on a dead tree, looking for carpenter ants?
3. Which woodpecker would poke its bill into the ground instead of a tree in order to look for ants and beetles to eat?
4. Which woodpecker would you see lapping up sweet sap out of a tree?
5. Which woodpecker would gather thousands of acorns before the winter season?
6. Which woodpecker would make a nest hole in a cactus?
7. Which woodpecker would you find clinging to a very thin branch because of its light weight?
8. Which woodpecker would have a purple-stained face from eating too many prickly pears?



Gila



downy



acorn



golden-fronted



northern flicker



black-rumped flameback



pileated



yellow-bellied sapsucker

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