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NORTHERN FLICKER

Scientific name: *Colaptes auratus*



Voice A loud, repeated flicker or wicka-wicka-wicka; also a loud kleeer.

In the same family as woodpeckers, this 12.5 inch long, very colorful bird with “lots of spots,” has striking plumage, a barred back and a spotted belly. Its white rump and reddish or yellow underwing are startling during flight, the white rump being a very telltale sign. In Glencoe, it is seen commonly in backyards, parks, on golf courses, and at the edge of woods.

It forages largely on the ground or by climbing up tree trunks and on branches, feeding on mostly ants and other insects like termites, caterpillars and beetles, as well as fruits and berries. The species is still abundant but has declined over much of its range. If you see the Flicker swinging its head back and forth, flicking the tail, or spreading its tail to show their colorful underside, it is probably defending its territory!

How climate change will reshape the range: There will be some gain in their range in Canada but significant loss of range in the southern United States.

Overall species vulnerability status: Low

+35.6° Fahrenheit warming species vulnerability: Fires would destroy habitat and warm springs would impact the young.

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