



Photo by Edward Lai

Pileated Woodpeckers

at their nest in a sugar maple

Young Pileated Woodpeckers grow up in a tree hole excavated by their parents. Pileated Woodpeckers use their chisel-like bills to chip away at the wood for several weeks to create the cavity where the female lays her eggs. She and her mate bring food to the cavity until the young fledge about 24–31 days after hatching.

The abandoned nest cavity becomes a valuable home for other animals, especially species such as ducks and owls that can't excavate their own. Boreal Owls, Northern Saw-whet Owls, Wood Ducks, Buffleheads, Barrow's Goldeneyes, squirrels, and bats are among at least 38 vertebrate species that use Pileated Woodpecker cavities.

Please enjoy this coloring page excerpted from *Birds of Paradise: A Coloring Expedition* coloring book from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, published by Princeton University Press.

America's Favorite Birds is a very special coloring book, featuring 40 beautiful birds in their natural habitat settings with native flora, designed and vetted with ornithologists at the Cornell Lab to ensure scientific accuracy. Our selection of species involved our community of birders across North America and more than 250,000 votes cast by Cornell Lab Facebook fans!

If you would like to purchase your own copy of *America's Favorite Birds: A Coloring Expedition*, we invite you to visit www.CornellLabPG.com and use promo code `CLPG2020` to SAVE 25% on this and other Cornell Lab coloring books, puzzles, field guides, playing cards, children's books, and more when you spend a minimum of \$40. Offer valid through 12/31/20.



