

Great Falls Park

George Washington Memorial Parkway



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Red-bellied Woodpecker

Typical Habitat & When Found:

Red-bellied woodpeckers live in Great Falls Park year-round and frequent the forested areas from Matildaville and Old Carriage Road to Ridge Trail and Difficult Run Trail.

Bird song: *Noisy birds with a loud, shrill kwirr or churr sound, they also drum (or peck) as many as 19 times per second on hard objects to attract mates.*

Importance to the park: *They eat the larvae of the invasive emerald ash borer.*

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