

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.





Golden-Fronted Woodpecker

Is that a woodpecker with a “sweet tooth”? Yep! *Golden-fronteds* usually eat lots of grasshoppers, beetles, and ants. But this one is gobbling up a tasty papaya. And it just as well could be lapping up sugary nectar from flowers or pecking through the skin of a prickly pear cactus fruit. (Some eat so many prickly pears that they stain their faces purple!) Most golden-fronted woodpeckers live in Mexico and Central America, but they’re also common in parts of Texas and Oklahoma.

Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker

Sapsuckers catch insects in the same ways that other woodpeckers do. But they have another great way of getting the food they need. They dig holes in the sides of living trees, and, as the sweet sap flows out, the birds lap it up. When insects come by for a sip, they too become sapsucker food. But the sap party doesn't end there. Hummingbirds may stop by for a drink, and at night, bats swoop in for a quick lick.

