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Animal Fact Sheet

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Great Spotted Woodpecker

Dendrocopos major

A woodpecker strikes wood at speeds that would concuss almost anything else, thousands of times a day. The intuitive explanation is shock absorption, but recent work suggests the opposite: the skull …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Picidae
Habitat: Temperate and boreal forests, woodlands, parks, and gardens
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-11 years
Weight: 70-98 g
Scientific name: Dendrocopos major

Did you know?

- The Great Spotted Woodpecker can drum up to 10-16 times per second, producing a sound that can be heard over long distances.
- Its tongue is so long that it wraps back over the skull, anchoring near the nostril when not in use. Much of its drumming is communication, not feedi…

What I learned

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