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Animal Fact Sheet

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Green Woodpecker

Picus viridis

Picus viridis is a woodpecker that has largely given up woodpecking. It spends most of its time on the ground, hopping awkwardly across short grassland, lawns and heaths, hunting ants - and it is a s…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Picidae
Habitat: Woodland, parks, gardens, and grasslands with scattered trees
Diet: Insectivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 180-220 g
Scientific name: Picus viridis

Did you know?

- The tongue of the Green Woodpecker can extend up to 10 cm beyond its beak, allowing it to reach deep into ant nests.
- The green woodpecker's tongue wraps right around the back of the skull, with the hyoid horns running up over the cranium and, in this family, anchori…

What I learned

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