## ife Above the Ponds

## Z eak Shape

The shape of a bird's beak can help tell you what kind of food they might eat.

Hawks have strong, curved beaks for ripping the flesh of small animals.

Seed eaters, like Sparrows and Wrens, have small straight beaks for pecking at seeds and small bugs.

Ducks and some other water birds have wide, flat beaks for scooping up water, plants, and bugs.

Can you tell what these birds like to eat?



IMAGE SOURCE: Paul VanDerWerf

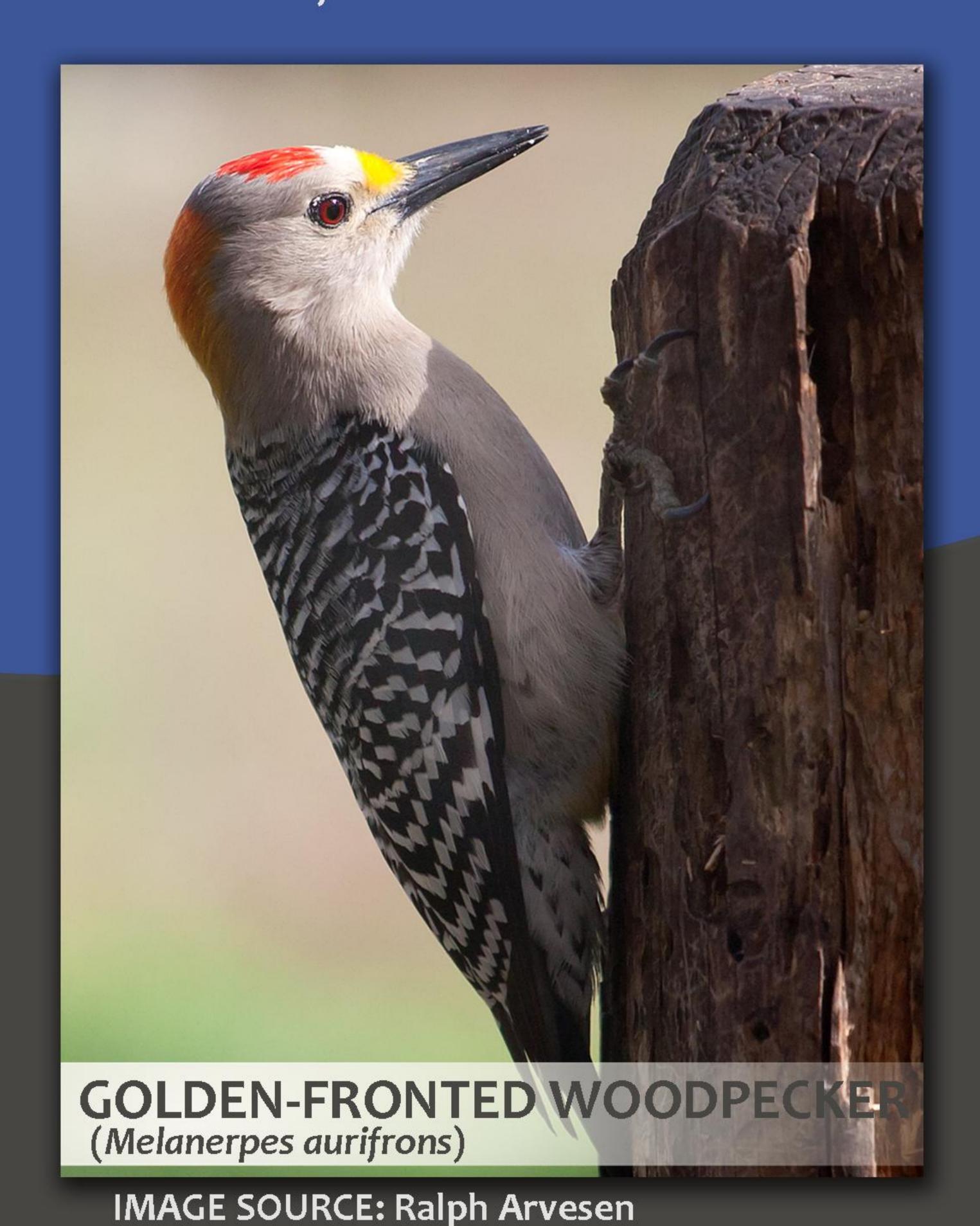


GREAT EGRET (Ardea alba) IMAGE SOURCE: Tracie Hall





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Fischer Park provides a rich and diverse habitat for many species of birds. Keep your eyes open as you walk around and listen for songbirds. You may see...

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Lesser Scaup
- Black Vulture
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Crested Caracara
- American Kestrel
- American Coot
- White-winged Dove
- Mourning Dove
- Belter Kingfisher
- Eastern Phoebe
- Northern Cardinal
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing

- Western Kingbird
- Eastern Kingbird
- Tree Swallow
- Carolina Wren
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Northern Mockingbird
- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Scissor-tailed Flycatcher
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Did You Know?

Hummingbirds are the

only birds that can fly

IMAGE SOURCE: Frank Boston

backwards.

- Black-chinned Hummingbird
- Golden-fronted Woodpecker
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker
- Chimney Swift
- Great-tailed Grackle





