

DOCUMENTATION FORM

species: PILEATED WOODPECKER

date: May 3, 1985

location: NINE EAGLES STATE PARK (Decatur County).

habitat: DENSE MATURE WOOD LANDS

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veiwing conditions: OVERCAST

optical equipment: 7 X 50 BINOCULARS

consulted PETERSONS FIELD GUIDE while observing.

DESRPTION: While putting up my banding nets, I heard a laughing type call overhead. Looking up, I saw a large black bird, about the size of a crow. I immediately noticed the red crest on the head. The bird had white patches in its wings. It was about 20 feet up, although this measurment is hard to judge. The bird flew through the clearing ~~where~~ I was, and disapeared in the trees. Soon I heard it pounding on a dead tree. Following the sound, I could not find the bird again, I only heard it.