

A pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers tend their young at the nest site.



A pair of Red-headed Woodpeckers attend to the nest site.



Emil Martinec photographed the successful breeding of Red-headed Woodpeckers at Plum Creek Forest Preserve, Cook County. He was able to catch the young poking its head out of the hole, as well as a parent feeding the young. In a 2007 June report, the National Audubon Society named the Red-headed Woodpecker as one of the top five declining common birds of Illinois.

All photos on these two pages were taken in June 2006 by Emil Martinec.