

Pileated Woodpecker

Nesting Success

Photos by Chris Young



Chris Young, photographer and writer for the State Journal Register in Springfield, IL, learned about a nesting Pileated Woodpecker the spring of 2005 near the Illinois Raptor Center in Decatur. During spring and early summer, he took some stunning photographs of the young being fed by their parents, which he shares with readers here. The young successfully fledged.

Top right, an adult flies toward the nest hole with food. Middle left, an adult greets two hungry mouths. Middle right, the young woodpeckers wait for breakfast. Below right, at last, food has arrived.

