PICUS PILEATUS.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum polyedrum, rectum, apice cuneato.

Nares pennis setaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.

Lingua teres, lumbriciformis, longissima, mucronata, apice retrorsum aculeata setis.

Pedes scansorii.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PICUS niger, crista rubra, temporibus alisque albis maculis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 173.

PICUS Virginianus PILEATUS.

Briss. av. 4. p. 29.

Pico qui *principalis* appellatur seu *albirostris*, affinis admodum est picus pileatus; paulo tamen minor, alium quoque habet colorem rostri. In America septentrionali generatus amat præcipue Carolinam et Virginiam. Arbores grandiores terebrando excavare, triticoque Indico, quod *Maiz* dicitur, non leve damnum solet inferre. Magnitudine fere corvum vulgarem æquat.

PILEATED WOODPECKER.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill polyedral, strait, wedge-shaped towards the tip.

Nostrils covered by recumbent setaceous feathers.

Tongue worm-shaped, very long, sharp-pointed and edged towards the tip with reversed bristles.

Feet scansorial.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Black WOODPECKER, with red crest, and the temples and wings marked by white spots.

Larger crested WOODPECKER.

Catesb. Carol. 1. pl. 17.

PILEATED WOODPECKER.

Penn. Arct. Zool. p. 269.

This species is very nearly allied to the *Picus principalis* or White-billed Woodpecker, but is of rather smaller size, and has a bill of a different colour. It is a native of North America, and is particularly

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ticularly found in Carolina and Virginia, where it
forms excavations in the larger trees, and is also
said to make considerable havock among the plan-
tations of maize or Indian corn. In size it is not
much inferior to a Crow.

Shaw, George. 1802. "Pileated Woodpecker, *Picus pileatus* [Pl. 493]." *The Naturalist's Miscellany* 13(CLIII), <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.310939>.

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