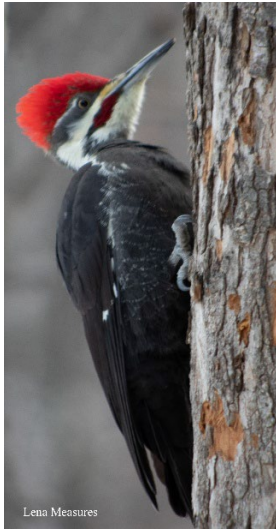


## Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*)



### **Resident breeder**

**Status in Quebec:** Range: expanding      Population: increasing

**Habitat:** mature mixed deciduous or coniferous forest, prefers big trees (>18 m tall, >30 cm diameter) for nesting

**Ecological importance:** consumes wild berries and harmful wood-boring insects, ants, enjoyed by bird watchers

### **Why should the Pileated Woodpecker be an emblem of Morin-Heights?**

The Pileated Woodpecker is patient and ingenious, embodying the vitality of forests through its rhythmic drumming. It also symbolizes the perseverance and strength of our community, while representing a forward-looking outlook. A graphic composition combining the Pileated Woodpecker and the summit of Morin-Heights could inspire a logo that is both unique and meaningful. Choosing the Pileated Woodpecker as an emblem celebrates the harmony between humans and nature, the richness of our forests, and the discreet life that animates them. This bird reflects the resilient and visionary identity of our village, while connecting tourism, nature, and local heritage. This emblem creates a strong connection between a truly iconic forest bird and the experience of the region.