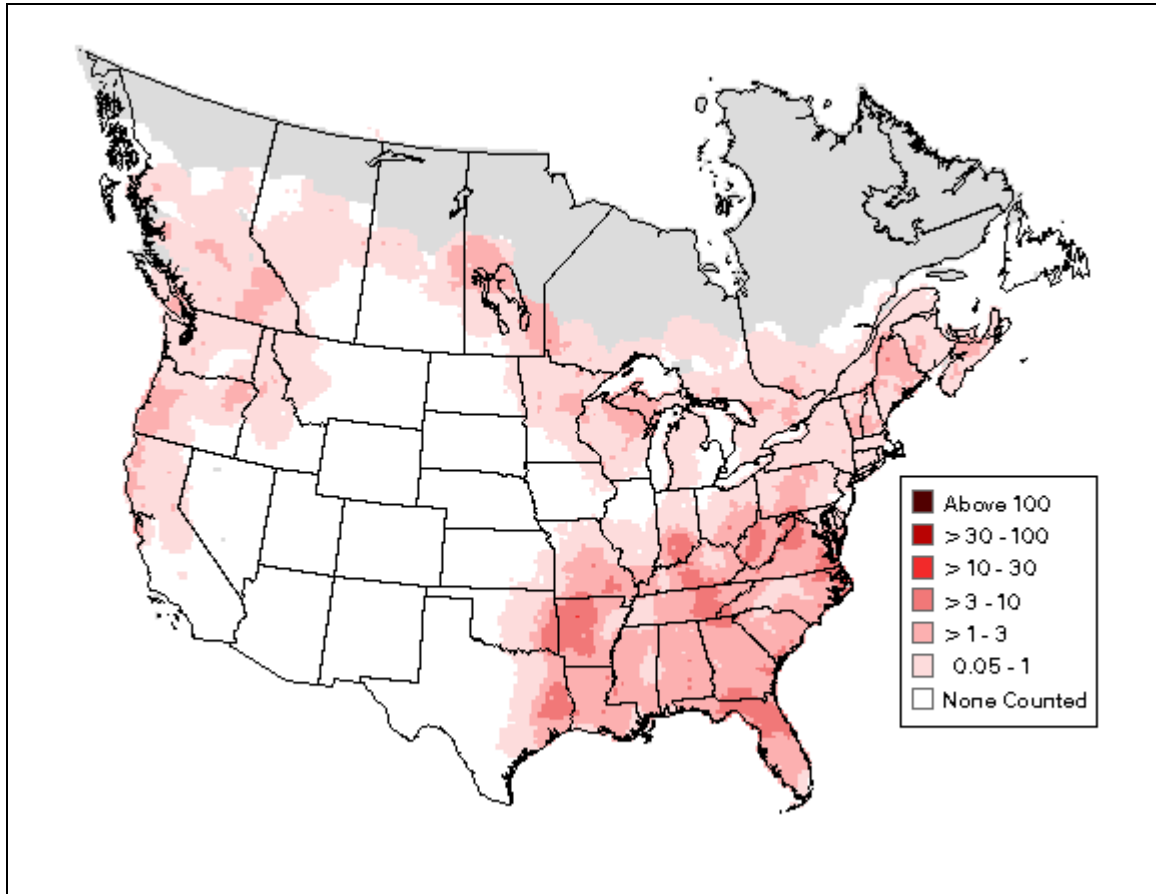


Pileated Woodpecker in British Columbia

Distribution of Pileated Woodpecker



BBS Summer Distribution Map, 1994 - 2003

Source: Sauer, J. R., J. E. Hines, and J. Fallon. 2005. *The North American Breeding Bird Survey, Results and Analysis 1966 - 2005. Version 6.2.2006.* [USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD](http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/htm03/ra2003_red/ra04050.htm) **Most Recent Update: 5 July 2006.**

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Depending on the maximum relative abundance of the species, we used levels of 1, 3, 10, 30, and 100 for contours. The maps end at a minimum level of 0.1, which was chosen as a possible edge-of-range index after some comparisons of contours with known edges of ranges (S. Droege and D. Bystrak, Personal Communication), and the larger cutpoints were chosen as a series of powers of 3, rounded up for ease of presentation.

The Pileated Woodpecker is widely distributed in the south of the province, becoming sparse across central B.C. north through the Peace Lowlands to the northeast part of the province (Campbell *et al.* 1990 *Birds of British Columbia* Volume 2; p. 450). Breeding

occurs across southern B.C., including Vancouver Island, north on the coast to Bella Coola and in the interior at least to Vanderhoof.

Summary of population size and trend

Population estimates are not available for this species. The North American Breeding Bird Survey data (1966-2003) suggests that Pileated Woodpeckers are increasing in the province (BBS 2004, see links below). A 'keystone' species, the Pileated Woodpecker creates large cavities in trees that a variety of other species depend on for shelter, food storage and reproduction (CCFM 2006).

For more information on Pileated Woodpeckers in British Columbia:

- BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/atrisk/toolintro.html>
- North American Breeding Bird Survey:
<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/bbs.html>
- Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM). 2006. Criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management in Canada – National status 2005:
http://www.ccfm.org/ci/rprt2005/English/pg31-47_1-2-3.htm

Criteria for selection of the Pileated Woodpecker for this indicator:

- A species selected by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM) as a national indicator species;
- A species classified as Category 1 forest-associated (forest-dependent); *and*
- An ecologically significant species.