

Gila Woodpecker

This bird is 8 to 10 inches. It has a red dot on its head. It has black and white wings. It has brown feathers. And it has a black beak.



The Gila Woodpecker lives in desert washes, saguaros, trees and towns. It builds its nest in a hole in a saguaro or a tree.



It eats insects, berries, acorns and sap. It lays 3 to 5 white eggs.



Gila Woodpecker (female) • *Melanerpes uropygialis*



You can look for a Gila Woodpecker in Arizona and California. It makes a rolling churr and a sharp pit or yip sound. It has a long straight bill.

