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| Female | |
| **[Scientific classification](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxonomy_(biology)" \o "Taxonomy (biology))[IMG_259](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Template:Taxonomy/Dryobates)** | |
| Kingdom: | [Animalia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal" \o "Animal) |
| Phylum: | [Chordata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chordate" \o "Chordate) |
| Class: | [Aves](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird" \o "Bird) |
| Order: | [Piciformes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piciformes" \o "Piciformes) |
| Family: | [Picidae](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woodpecker" \o "Woodpecker) |
| Genus: | *[Dryobates](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dryobates" \o "Dryobates)* |
| Species: | ***D. pubescens*** |
| **[Binomial name](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binomial_nomenclature" \o "Binomial nomenclature)** | |
| ***Dryobates pubescens***  ([Linnaeus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Linnaeus" \o "Carl Linnaeus), 1766) | |

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The downy woodpecker is virtually identical in plumage pattern to the larger [hairy woodpecker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hairy_woodpecker" \o "Hairy woodpecker), but it can be distinguished from the hairy by the presence of black spots on its white tail feathers and the length of its bill. The downy woodpecker's bill is shorter than its head, whereas the hairy woodpecker's bill is approximately equal to head length.

The downy woodpecker gives a number of [vocalizations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bird_vocalization" \o "Bird vocalization), including a short *pik* call. One may identify the woodpecker by pik-call, counting half a second between piks (a total of four must be heard). The rattle-call is a short burst that sounds similar to a bouncing ball, while that of the Hairy Woodpecker is a shorter burst of the same amplitude. Like other woodpeckers, it also produces a drumming sound(sounds like four taps[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downy_woodpecker" \l "cite_note-15) )with its beak as it pecks into trees. Compared to other North American species its drums are slow