

# THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB

## YOUR WEEKLY BIRD 42

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### Pileated Woodpecker

In the thirty years we have lived in Lafayette, New Jersey, we have had visits from the yellow-bellied sapsucker, northern flicker, and red-bellied, downy, and hairy woodpeckers. The red-bellied, downy, and hairy woodpeckers frequent the suet feeder, which we have facing down to discourage other birds. This year, a male pileated has been visiting the feeder, too, and it is fun to hear him announce his arrival in the yard before he chomps down on the suet. When pieces fall onto his breast, he scoops them up.



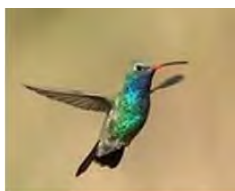
Of course, he has an entourage waiting on the ground below for scraps.



*A house sparrow and a white-breasted nuthatch wait patiently.*

Other birds that appear for the leavings include chipping sparrows, gray catbirds, common grackles, red-winged blackbirds, northern cardinals, and downy and red-bellied woodpeckers—we don't get to see those last two on the ground very often.

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Southwest Wings

