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Strange Sounds

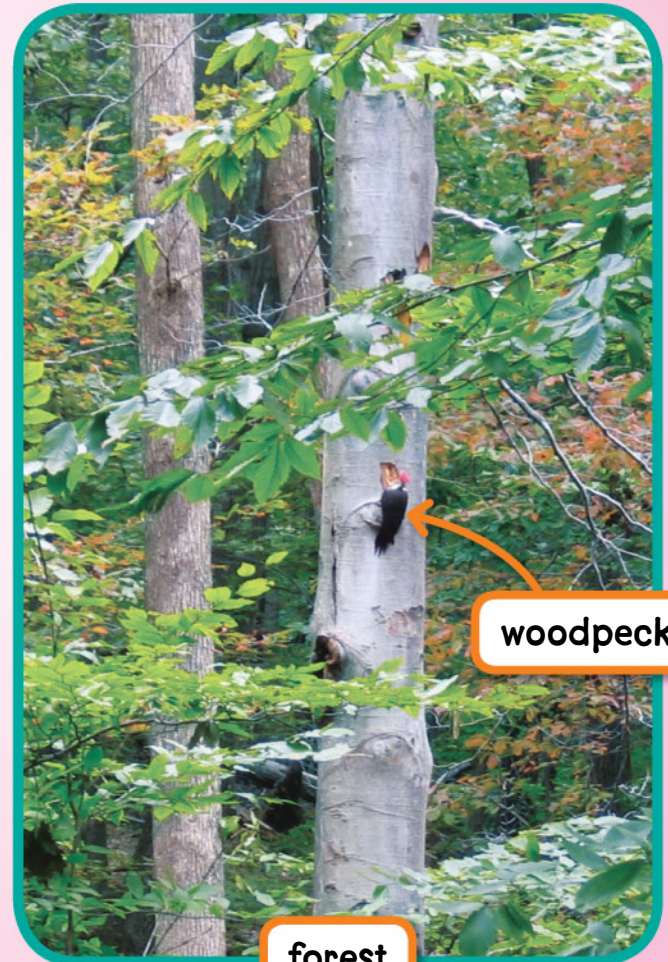
Deep in a forest, a bird is making a strange drumming noise.

It's a woodpecker, and he's striking a tree trunk with his beak.

This noise tells his partner that he is ready to **mate**.

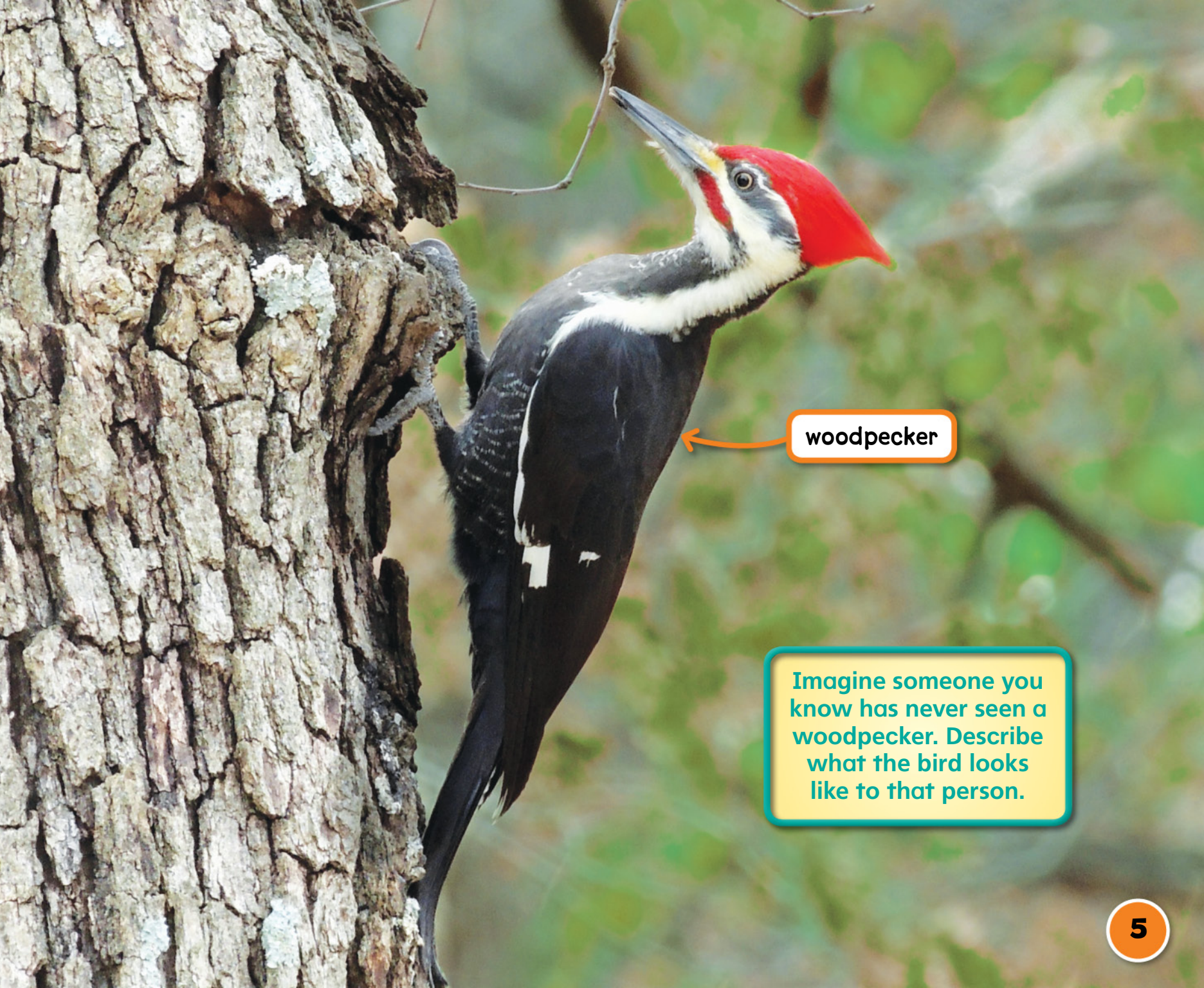
Spring has arrived, and it's time for woodpeckers to have chicks.

Woodpeckers
live, find their
food, and raise
their babies
in trees.



woodpecker

forest



woodpecker

Imagine someone you know has never seen a woodpecker. Describe what the bird looks like to that person.

All About Woodpeckers

There are 250 different kinds of woodpeckers.

These birds live in forests around the world.

One kind of woodpecker that lives in North America is the pileated (PYE-lee-AY-tuhd) woodpecker.

Some pileated woodpeckers make their homes in **evergreen** forests.

Others live in forests where the trees lose their leaves in the fall.



Pileated woodpeckers may also live in a person's backyard if it has lots of trees.



pileated
woodpecker

How do you think
woodpeckers got
their name?

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Answer for Page 8

A male woodpecker has a red patch on each cheek, and his red crest spreads from the top of his head down to his beak.



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A large bird with red feathers on its head strikes an old tree trunk with its beak. The loud, fast noise sounds like drumming. The animal is a woodpecker looking for beetles and other insects to eat. Once the woodpecker gathers enough food, it will fly back to its nest to feed its hungry chicks. Look inside to discover more about the world of woodpeckers and their treetop homes.

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Spider Monkey

Spotted Owl

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