

General Field Notes

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Red-cockaded Woodpecker Found Dead in Cavity Entrance

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On 20 May 1985, while checking Red-cockaded Woodpecker (*Picoides borealis*) nesting activity on Manchester State Forest, Sumter County, S.C., I found a dead adult male Red-cockaded Woodpecker in a cavity entrance. The bird's head and neck were protruding from the cavity with the head pointed downward. There was no external damage to the head. Many of the breast feathers were matted with pine resin. The matted feathers had to be pulled loose in order to remove the bird from the cavity tunnel. I estimated the bird had been dead several days. The bird's getting stuck in the sap probably caused its death. The cavity tree was a Longleaf Pine (*Pinus palustris*), 24 m tall and 35 cm diameter breast high. Cavity height was 5.8 m. The cavity opening was partially grown over and the smallest I have seen (3.8 x 3.5 cm). This cavity had been used intermittently as a roost chamber at least since 1980, when this area was first surveyed.

Locke et al. (Bird-Banding 50:368-369) also reported a dead Red-cockaded stuck in cavity resin in Texas. Barnett et al. (Proc. Red-cockaded Woodpecker Symposium II, p. 110, 1983) reported a dead Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) in resin at a Red-cockaded cavity in Florida. This unusual form of mortality, although certainly uncommon, may be more widespread than realized.

The specimen was deposited with the Clemson University Museum, Department of Biological Sciences (Accession Number CU 638).

Atypical Nest Site for a Prothonotary Warbler

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On 20 May 1985 we had the opportunity to examine an unusual nesting situation of a Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*). An adult female bird was observed nesting