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Pileated Woodpecker takes Red-bellied Woodpecker nestling.—The Pileated Woodpecker (*Dryocopus pileatus*) eats primarily large ants, termites, and wood-boring beetles and occasionally wild seeds and fruits (Bent 1939, U. S. Natl. Mus. Bull. 174; Brown 1978, Fla. Field Nat. 6: 18-19). Therefore, this record of a Pileated eating a nestling Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) seems noteworthy.

On 15 May 1980 at about 1000 Leeds heard adult Red-bellied Woodpeckers scolding near a nest that he had been observing for several weeks. The nest was located in a dead pine in his backyard at 8041 Hillsdale Rd., Jacksonville, Florida. As Leeds approached the nest he saw a Pileated Woodpecker in the act of robbing it. The bird was perched with its head inside the hole. The Pileated removed a naked young Red-bellied Woodpecker from the nest, and began swallowing the struggling young bird which was peeping loudly.

One adult Red-bellied Woodpecker was perched on a dead limb about 20 cm from the Pileated, scolding intensively. Leeds watched the other parent fly at, but not actually strike the Pileated. At this point, Leeds hurled a missile at the predator in a futile attempt to save the young bird. The Pileated flew away, carrying the young Red-bellied and pursued by the adults.

On the next day, adult Red-bellied Woodpeckers were seen in the area, but not at the nest. Thus it seems likely that the Red-bellied nest failed due to this predation.

Both Red-bellied and Red-headed woodpeckers are known to prey occasionally on the eggs and young of other birds (Conner 1974, Auk 91: 836; Watt 1980, Wilson Bull. 92: 249; Bent 1939). This is the first report of nest predation by a Pileated Woodpecker.—ROBERT W. LOFTIN, University of North Florida, Box 17074, Jacksonville, Florida 32216 AND JERRY LEEDS, 8041 Hillsdale Rd., Jacksonville, Florida 32216.

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Traill's Flycatcher on Florida's southwestern coast.—In March 1978 we established a banding station on Casey Key, a barrier island in Sarasota County, Florida. The station, about 0.5 h, is on the bay side of the island and is adjacent to our residential property. The area is half covered with trees and shrubs (Avicennia germinans, Casuarina equisetifolia, Coccoloba uvifera, Myrica sp., Rhizophora mangle, Schinus terebinthifolius, Sabal palmetto) and half with grass. Paths are mowed beneath the nets but otherwise plant growth is unrestricted.

At our banding station we netted Traill's Flycatchers (*Empidonax traillii*, E. alnorum; Eisenmann 1973) as follows: one in 1979 on 9 September and seven in 1980; one on 6, 15, and 23 September and 2 October, and three on 13 September. All were judged immatures, based on the width and color of the wing bars (Bordner 1970). Other *Empidonax* flycatchers netted in 1980 include: Yellow bellied (*E. flaviventris*), two on 2 October, one on 3 October; Acadian (*E. virescens*), one on 30 September and 2 October, two on 3 October; Least (*E. minimus*), one on 8 September.

The flycatchers were identified using criteria in Woods (1969) and Bordner (1970) and based on our 20-years residence in Ohio where each year from 1-3