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The Amazing Woodpecker

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The woodpecker is an interesting and amazing bird. It has a strong, pointed beak that acts as a hammer to remove bark from trees and find insects to eat. It has a very long tongue, up to four inches long, that is sticky on the tip for catching insects.

Most birds have one toe pointing back and three pointing forward on each foot. Woodpeckers are a little bit different. They have two sharp claws pointing back and two sharp claws pointing forward on each foot to help them hold on to the sides of trees.



The life span of a woodpecker is 4-11 years. Their favorite foods are insects, fruit, acorns and nuts. These awesome birds live in forests and wooded areas with lots of trees. Woodpeckers can be found all over the world, except in Australia.

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Answering questions

Answer the following questions about the amazing woodpecker.

1. Which kind of animal is a woodpecker?

2. What does the woodpecker use its strong pointed beak for?

3. What does a woodpecker use to catch insects?

4. What makes woodpeckers a little bit different from other birds?

5. How long does a woodpecker live?

6. What is the woodpecker's favourite food?

7. Where do the amazing woodpeckers live?

8. Where can we find woodpeckers?
