

Woodpecker Tree



This tree, a dead Red Oak, is called a snag. At some point in the past, a wind storm apparently caused the top of the tree to break off. Its branches and trunk are laying or did lay on ground behind the tree. Snags play in important role in forest ecology. Sometimes they become “den” trees for squirrels. Certain birds, like woodpeckers, can create cavities for nesting purposes. Other birds like American Kestrels and Wood Ducks might occupy previously created cavities. This tree is being utilized a food source for woodpeckers. Note the number of holes in the bark all around the trunk.