

An early Hairy Woodpecker fledgling: An adult male Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*) was observed feeding a fledgling at a suet feeder on 29 May 1992 in Glens Falls, Warren Co., New York. This date is 15 days earlier than the earliest fledgling date noted in *The Atlas of Breeding Birds in New York State* (Andrle and Carroll, eds; 1988. Cornell Univ. Press, Ithaca, NY.). Food transfer was observed as well as the diagnostic red forehead of a fledgling. For the adult, the large body size, the proportionally large beak and white, outer tail feathers without black spots, which distinguish the Hairy from the smaller Downy Woodpecker (*P. pubescens*), were observed clearly. Nesting dates are often not reported, so that we do not know if this is an unusually early date, or simply a report of a common but poorly documented timing. We suggest that *The Kingbird* would be an appropriate place for observations on nesting phenology, perhaps restricting such observations to dates that extend known times by more than a week.

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