

I like the head/neck/crest and especially bill to head proportions. They do not suggest pileated to me – too massive, especially the large, long bill.

The rared-back pose, long but fluffy and squared-off crest, and extremely long, erect head and neck suggest ivorybill.

I kept seeing flashes of what looked like white dorsal stripes, though the lighting is too poor to make out a white wing saddle.

The flapping leap the bird takes to the right, across the two trunks, is very unusual, and unlike anything I've seen a pileated do.

The flight appears ponderous and heavy, and the wings altogether too long and thin for a pileated. The wingbeats are very deep and there seems to be none of the pileated's habit of folding the wings into the body in between every few wingbeats.

The bird overall just looks very large and heavy.

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