August monthly block
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One of the long term research projects at Cedar Creek is on red-headed woodpeckers led by Dr. Elena West and a team of volunteers from the Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis and the local community. These charismatic birds live in oak savanna; a habitat that requires fire, grazing and management to keep it from turning into forest. The curved line in the black fabric represents the bird's undulating (up and down) flight pattern. The grey fabric, making the body, is for all the field notes, data and number crunching that happens at Cedar Creek. Then, of course, the solid red is the identifying trait of the mature red-headed woodpecker (juveniles will have a grey head).