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Set against the nighttime glow of Hampton Roads, a team of biologists places a red-cockaded woodpecker in an artificial cavity in the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. The effort to return this species to the refuge comes after more than 40 years since the last documented sighting in the swamp.

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Endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers bounce around a pine tree in Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia. Four pairs of the woodpeckers have recently been introduced to Great Dismal Swamp from Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge in South Carolina and in the Palmetto-Peartree Preserve in North Carolina.

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A red cockaded woodpecker emerges from a pine after being translocated to Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia. The endangered woodpeckers were placed in artificial cavity inserts in pine trees, then released by removing a light screen. Four pairs of the woodpeckers were recently translocated to Great Dismal Swamp from Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge in South Carolina and in the Palmetto-Peartree Preserve in North Carolina.

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