

BLACK-CAPPED VIREO

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary
United States
Black-capped Vireo
Vireo atricapillus
Comal, Texas, collected in1888
American Museum of Natural History
The smallest vireo in the United States, Black-capped Vireos construct an open hanging cup of leaves, grasses, plant fibers, spider webs and cocoons, lined with fine grasses. They breed in the disappearing scrublands of the south-central United States and north-central Mexico. Over grazing, habitat disruption, and nest parasitism by cowbirds have caused their disappearance from Kansas, and they are gravely endangered in Oklahoma and much of their range in Texas. A few preserves in Texas, where nests are monitored for cowbird eggs, and scrublands have been protected offer some hope for the survival of these lovely singers.
The nests were photographed in four science collections: The California Academy of Sciences, The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology, The Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, the Cornell Museum of Vertebrates, and the American Museum of Natural History.
Subject Details:
Vireo atricapillus_NMNH_B28231

PREPARATION: Nest(s) Egg(s)
SEX: unknown
PLACE: Comal, Texas, United States, North America
COLLECTION DATE: 29 Apr 1888
COMMON NAME: Black-capped Vireo
TAXONOMY: Animalia Chordata Aves Passeriformes Vireonidae
PUBLISHED NAME: Vireo atricapillus
OTHER NUMBERS:
Field Number : 40/4
USNM NUMBER: B28231
SPECIMEN COUNT: 4
RECORD LAST MODIFIED: 11 Aug 2014

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