



HIRUNDO RUSTICA

BY SHARON BEALS

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary United States Bird nests, even without knowing which birds constructed them, seem hardly possible. Creations of spider's web, caterpillar cocoon, plant down, mud, found modern objects, human and animal hair, mosses, lichen, feathers and down, sticks and twigs—all are woven with beak and claw into a bird's best effort to protect their next generation. Photographer Sharon Beals's homage to the amazing avian builders. Photographed for her book, *Nests: Fifty Nests and the Birds that Built Them*. Chronicle Books, April 2011. 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: *Hirundo rustica* 00007 Barn Swallow, in original shipping box (red cigarette box, and Japanese newspaper) *Hirundo rustica gutturalis* The California Academy of Sciences Nest CAS 9770 Asia, China, Heilungkiang Prov., Wutalienchieh 09 Jul 1937 Eggs CAS 9768 Asia; China; Heilungkiang Prov.; Lesser Khingan; Chengchin Station 22 June 1938 Framed Dimensions: 60" W x 60" H Item Number: PM-CN-BEALS-BARN SWALLOW-60 Custom Options: Framed Paper Prints with Border: 29" | 38" | 60" | Available with UV Plexi or Museum Optimum. Framed Prints with No Borders (print to edge): 29" |

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