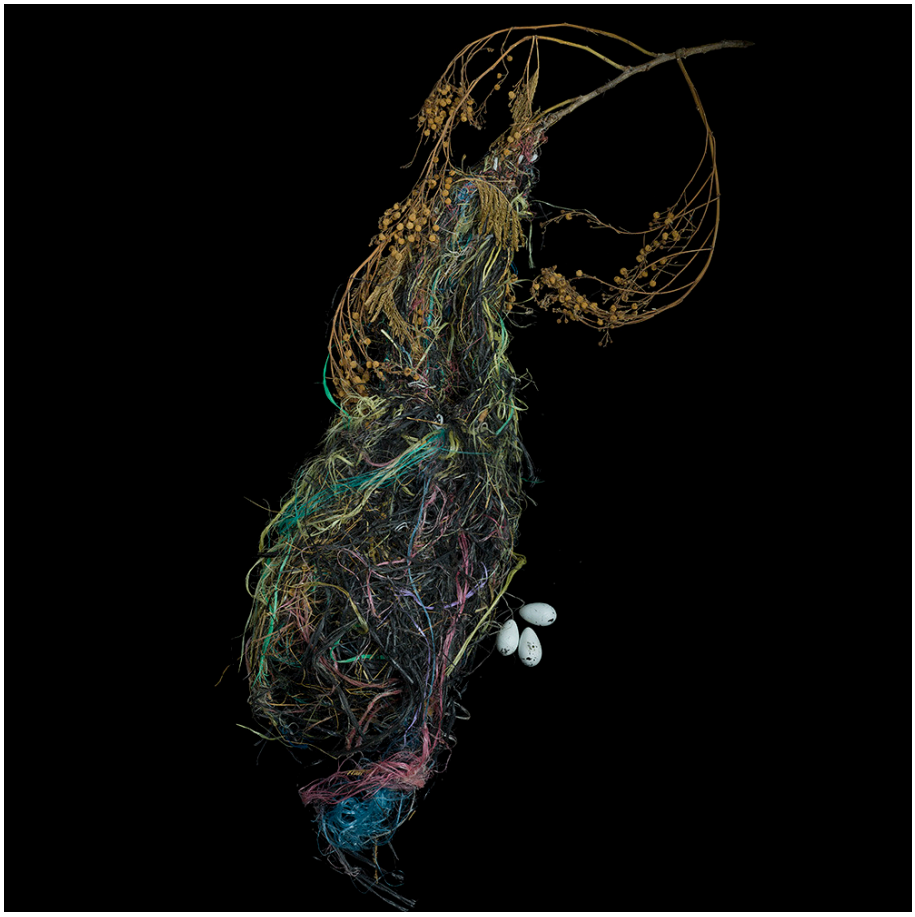


LICHTENSTEIN'S ORIOLE

BY SHARON BEALS

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary
United States
Altamira Oriole
Icterus gularis

Collected from Morazón, State of El Progreso, Guatemala, 2001
The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology

Relatives of blackbirds and meadowlarks, Altimira Orioles can be found from the Rio Grande to Nicaragua, living in year-round territories as life-long pairs. It can take the female a month to weave a pendulous nest, which is entered from the top, with a nesting chamber at the bottom. In Texas, Altamira Orioles are considered a threatened species due to the loss of the native trees of the Rio Grande to agriculture and to flood control.

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:
Altamira Oriole
Icterus gularis
Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology
WFVZ 172124 nest, 06 May 2001
Central America, Guatemala, Departamento El Progresso, Morazón
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