



## MEADOW BUNTING

BY SHARON BEALS

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary  
United States  
Meadow Bunting  
*Emberiza cioides castaneiceps*

Heilungkiang Province, China, collected in 1958  
The California Academy of Sciences

A larger member of the sparrow-like Old World buntings, several sub-species of Meadow Buntings are found in parts of Asia and Russia. Seedeaters, they inhabit dry, open habitats such as scrub, farmland, grassland and open woodlands. The nest, built by the female alone, is a cup of rootlets and grasses, lined with finer materials like plant down or horsehair or feathers, usually concealed under grass or bushes.

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.

# COUP D'ETAT

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Subject Details:

Emberiza cioides castaneiceps

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China Heilungkiang Prov.

Nest Number 9963

03 Jun 1938

Eggs CAS 9962

Collected 23 May 1939

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The down that surrounds the eggs could be from the females brood batch

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