



## MELOSPIZA MELODIA - NEST

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary  
United States  
Song Sparrow  
*Melospiza melodia*

Multnomah County, Oregon, collected in 1907  
The California Academy of Sciences

The Song Sparrows's sweet trills can be heard from the Aleutian Islands east to Newfoundland, and southward to Central America. The females are the nest builders, weaving a loose foundation from grass, weeds, ferns, bark strips, leaves, even ice plant or seaweed for the outer rim. Fine grass, animal hair, plant down, or feathers line the inner cup. Occasionally manmade materials are employed—several nests found in British Columbia contained generous amounts of nylon window screen.

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

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Cornell Museum of Vertebrates, and the American Museum of Natural History.

Subject Details:

Song sparrow nest from Oregon (#8289)

Photographed at The California Academy of Sciences

Collected in 1907 in Multnomah County

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