



PIRANGA LUDOVICIANA

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary
United States
Western Tanager
Piranga ludoviciana

Museum Vertebrate Zoology
Collected in Washoe County: Nevada in 1934
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The female lays a foundation of twigs placed along foliage of a bough. Then she adds a circular framework of smaller twigs, bark strips, and sturdy plant material, vigorously shaping it with her beak and body, and then lines it with lichens, mosses, pine needles, grasses, weeds, rootlets, feathers, or horse or cow hair if it can be found. She incubates three to five spotted blue, bluish-green or sometimes white eggs for about 13 days.

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

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Natural History.

Subject Details:

Western Tanager

Piranga ludoviciana

Washoe Valley, 9 miles No. of Carson City

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