

SOCIAL FLYCATHER NEST

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary
United States

Social Flycatcher
Myiozetetes similis

Collected from East of Durán, Guayas Province, Ecuador, 1991
The Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology

Egret feathers camouflage this grassy dome shaped nest built by a female Social Flycatcher. Recent immigrants to the Rio Grande Valley, their range extends to Paraguay. They attach their nests to bushes, trees, vines, and dead branches, and often over water on tree snags and pilings. They also adopt abandoned houses, bridges, signposts, utility poles, and even railroad trestles.

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:
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