



## SWAINSON'S THRUSH

BY SHARON BEALS

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary  
United States

Bird nests, even without knowing which birds constructed them, seem hardly possible. Creations of spider's web, caterpillar cocoon, plant down, mud, found modern objects, human and animal hair, mosses, lichen, feathers and down, sticks and twigs—all are woven with beak and claw into a bird's best effort to protect their next generation. Photographer Sharon Beals's homage to the amazing avian builders. Photographed for her book, *Nests: Fifty Nests and the Birds that Built Them*. Chronicle Books, April 2011

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:

*Catharus ustulatus ustulatus*

Museum of Vertebrate Zoology

Nest Number 2024

USA, California, Tehama County, Tehama

29 June 1925

Eggs 1361:

North America

# COUP D'ETAT

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Alameda County  
no specific locality recorded  
03 Jun 1899

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