



VERMIVORA BACHMANII

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Contemporary
United States
Bachman's Warbler
Vermivora bachmanii

Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, 1918
American Museum of Natural History

Much mystery surrounds the disappearance of the Bachman's Warbler. The last nest of this species was seen in 1937, and no sightings have been reported since 1961. Listed as Critically Endangered (though more likely extinct), it bred in Eastern and Southern swamp-forests. Besides loss of this habitat, hurricanes in the US and Cuba may have reduced their populations to so few that they simply couldn't find each other to breed.

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:

Vermivora bachmanii

COLLECTOR: A. T. Wayne

PREPARATION: Egg(s) Nest(s)

SEX: unknown

PLACE: Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, United States, North America

COLLECTION DATE: 28 Mar 1918

COMMON NAME: Bachman's Warbler

TAXONOMY: Animalia Chordata Aves Passeriformes Parulidae

PUBLISHED NAME: *Vermivora bachmanii*

OTHER NUMBERS: Field Number : 640 1/5

USNM NUMBER: B45224

SPECIMEN COUNT: 5

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