



Figure 1. Clapper Rails allopreening at Magnolia Birding Pier, Pascagoula, Mississippi, 17 June 2017.

KILLDEER FOSSIL NEST

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On 14 April 2017, a Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) nest was found near Pontotoc, Mississippi (Figure 1). The nest was in a bare area along the margin of a flat commercial lot behind an ALFA Insurance building undergoing construction. The nest was composed chiefly of fragmentary shells of a small Cretaceous oyster called *Ambigostrea tecticosta* (Gabb), with minor



Figure 1. Killdeer nest near Pontotoc, Mississippi, composed primarily of fossil oysters.

components of other marine macroinvertebrate fossils, namely echinoids. The bird(s) retrieved the pieces of fossil shells from the bare area, which was a featureless, weathered exposure of a soft, sandy limestone. The limestone had disintegrated (since the lot was scraped ~10 years ago) to an even softer, fine, sandy, limey sediment rich with fragmentary fossils.

UPLAND SANDPIPER SEEKING CAMOUFLAGE

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On 15 May 2017 at the Hancock County Arena at Kiln, Mississippi, I watched an Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia*