

from the snow banks. At Horse Coral Meadow, on the way out July 21, I found the nest of a Thurber's junco. It was situated at the edge of the meadow, almost completely hidden in a clump of coarse grass. It was composed of coarse grasses, lined with finer grass,

and short hairs from mule and burro, such as might fall along the trail from clipped manes. The nest contained three downy young. The trip covered some 650 miles of wagon travel and about 200 with pack animals on mountain trails.



TYPICAL NEST OF CASSIN VIREO.

(From an enlargement of a photograph taken by R. H. Beck.)

### Vireo Traits.

The above illustration typifies the nature of Cassin Vireo (*Vireo solitarius cassini*) during its nesting season—, a confiding bird with a generous streak of curiosity running through its disposition. In June 1896 Mr. R. H. Beck found the nest represented in the illustration built in a black oak tree on the edge of a clearing, the nest being suspended only about three feet from the ground. The bird seemed not greatly disturbed by the setting up of the camera and a successful photograph resulted.

Four eggs constitutes the usual set, although I have twice found five young in a nest and one set of five eggs advanced in incubation. The nests are compactly woven and lined with light colored grasses, while the eggs are larger than those of either *Vireo huttoni* or *Vireo gilvus*. Cassin Vireo seems to possess but little fear of man and will approach very closely to the observer if he remains motionless; when the nest is disturbed the birds will alternately utter a harsh note of remonstrance and then launch into song. The location of the nest here shown was Fyffe, El Dorado Co., Cal.

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