

... of a ... 10 inches deep ... almost horizontal branch in an exposed position about 8 feet up. The ... were only about 12 feet apart.

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Verdin nest in Harmon County, Oklahoma. — The Verdin (*Auriparus flaviceps*) was first observed in Oklahoma in 1971: in summer of that year at least one pair nested successfully along Lebos (Sandy) Creek near Eldorado, Jackson County, in the southwesternmost part of the state (Seyffert, 1972, Bull. Oklahoma Orn. Soc., 5: 9-12). On 1

January 1972, the first specimen for Oklahoma was collected in the same area (Sutton and Lawrence, 1972, Bull. Oklahoma Orn. Soc., 5: 32). Since then the species has been sighted from time to time near Eldorado and several nests have been found, most of them in mesquite trees (*Prosopis juliflora*), but a few in Christmas cactus (*Opuntia leptocaulis*). None of these nests contained eggs or young, but at least one was in use as a dormitory in winter (Sutton and Lawrence, *loc. cit.*).

On 26 July 1977, we happened upon evidence that the Verdin inhabits "mesquite country" in Harmon County as well as in Jackson County. On that date, in a lightly wooded arroyo which drained into the Red River about 6 miles due south of Hollis, we found a full-formed, grass-lined Verdin nest on the ground under a mature mesquite about 15-20 feet high. We had no way of knowing that the nest had been built in that tree. Segments of Christmas cactus as well as twigs that varied considerably in length had been used in constructing it. One Verdin nest described by Seyffert (*op. cit.*, pp. 9-10) was "in a clump of Christmas cholla" and had been made "largely of twigs of sage."

Although we searched the arroyo and surrounding area for about two hours, we did not see a Verdin. — Robert D. Owen and Beth E. Leuck, *Oklahoma Biological Survey and Dept. of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma 73019, 8 March 1978.*
