

(Phil Fowler)



Poliptilidae the GNATCATCHERS

Birds classified in the Gnatcatcher family are often described as “diminutive,” “dainty,” “slender,” and “active.” They generally have long tails and fairly long, thin, pointed bills. They are insectivorous, arboreal, and usually build small cup-shaped nests.

There are 15 species of Gnatcatchers and all live in temperate regions of either North or South America. Four species have been found in North America, and only one of these, the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, is found in the Carolinas.