

Their nesting at Lake Townsend is consistent with a significant expansion of their breeding range into the Southeast.

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First Active Nest of Alder Flycatcher in North Carolina

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On 11 June 1984, I observed an Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*) carrying building material to a nearly completed nest. The site was 11 m S of U.S. Forest Service Road 816 and approximately 100 m W of the intersection of the Art Loeb Trail and USFS Road 816. This paved service road begins at mile post 420.2 on the Blue Ridge Parkway and terminates near the boundary of the Shining Rock Wilderness Area. The elevation at the nest site is 1804 m.

The entire nest was constructed of dry grass with smaller straws being employed for the lining. The compact cup was 0.5 m above the ground and attached to three dead blackberry (*Rubus* sp.) canes. At this date no eggs had been laid.

On 14 June I returned to the nest and found a bird incubating two eggs, which were cream colored and marked with chestnut at the larger end (Fig. 1). I photographed the bird on the nest (see front cover) but was unable to return to the site on subsequent days and therefore cannot attest to the final success of the nest.

For a number of seasons Alder Flycatchers have been seen and heard in this area as well as on Roan Mountain (Chat 43:35-36). It has been assumed that the North Carolina birds are breeding, but until my find on 11 June, no active nest had been found in the state.



Fig. 1. Nest and eggs of the Alder Flycatcher. (Photo by Jerry Young©)