

Ash-throated Flycatcher

Myiarchus cinerascens

A common flycatcher of open arid areas of the West, the Ash-throated Flycatcher nests in holes in trees, fence posts, and nest boxes.

Keys to Identification

Adult Description

- Medium-sized bird, medium to large flycatcher.
- Long rusty tail.
- Short, bushy crest.
- Brown back.
- Throat and chest pale gray.
- Belly pale yellow.

Immature Description

Juvenile similar to adult, but paler, with buffy tips to wing feathers, and more rufous in tail.

Cool Facts

- Unlike most members of its genus, the Ash-throated Flycatcher only occasionally uses snakeskin in its nest. Only 5% of nests examined contained reptile skin, but 98% had mammal hair. Rabbit fur was the most frequently used.

Measurements

Both Sexes

- Length - 7.5 - 8.3 inches
- Wingspan - 11.8 - 12.6 inches
- Weight - 0.7 - 1.3 ounces

