

BIRD OF THE MONTH - JULY

BUSHTIT!

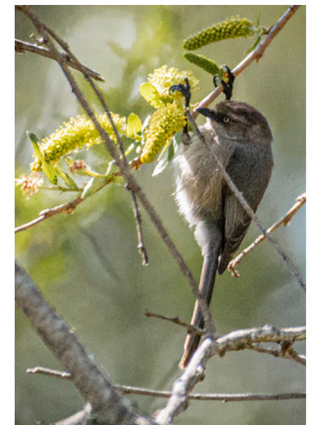
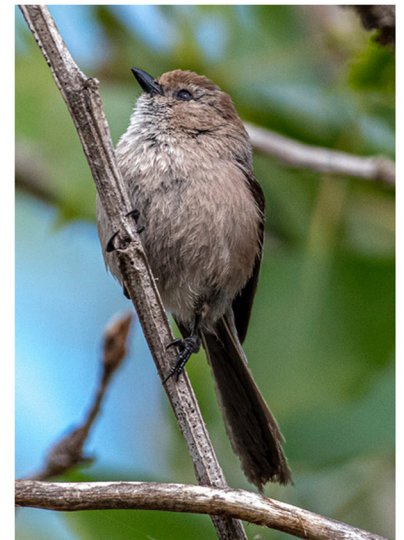
Bushtits are tiny, long-tailed gray birds that travel in large busy flocks, relentlessly rocketing from one leafy bush or tree to the next, all while keeping up a constant rapid twittering in order to keep the gang in active motion.

These dynamic acrobats often hang upside down as they rapidly glean insects from leafy shrubbery.

A careful observation of these frenetically moving dynamos, will disclose that the males have dark eyes whereas the female has a pale yellowish eye providing stark contrast to its tiny gray body.

Bushtits are common year-round inhabitants of urban parks and neighborhoods throughout the West and Southwest. Watch and listen for these diminutive dynamos as they sweep through your own backyard!

Notice the unusual hanging nest woven by these inconspicuous yet common birds.



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