



ZACH BAROCAS

SPIDERBIRD HUNTING

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Note the unconventional
nesting. The matter
is skeletal, woven, not stacked,

no more than two
inches front to back, one foot
tall in circumference, room

enough for a burgeoning
family of fledglings.

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The eggs are unhidden
& crack to reveal
mute & wingless chicks who will

hop & swing their lives
tethered to limbs with hair-like
feathers sometimes several
feet in length,

neither touching ground
nor moving
closer to the sky than their home-
tree's highest branch.



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Home-trees teem with spiderbirds.

Flightless & endemic to high-branched
trees, adjacent trees are their sole
option for expansion.

Most often,
the birds just go on breeding until
the weakest bind

themselves to branches & die,
bound to branches,
starved out, recycled into curious

vertical nests.