

# Gillespie Creek Journal



**African Paradise Flycatcher,**  
Island Camp, Kenya,  
East Africa

Photo by E-bird



**Eastern Phoebe**

A  
Common Midwestern  
Flycatcher Found East of the  
Mississippi River  
Photo by  
Western Society of  
Ornithology

Engage Your Senses



**Vermillion Flycatcher**  
Estrella Park Reserve, AZ  
Photo by Judy Appel



**Ash-throated Flycatcher**

Common in Arizona  
Desert Areas  
Sun City, AZ Photo by JA

### I Won't Hatch

By Shell Silverstein

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Oh, I am a chickie who lives in  
an egg,  
But I will not hatch, I will not  
hatch.

The hens they all cackle, the  
roosters all beg,  
But I will not hatch. I will not  
hatch.

For I hear all the talk of  
pollution and war  
As the people all shout and the  
airplanes roar,  
So I'm staying in here where it's  
safe and it's warm.  
And I WILL NOT HATCH!

Nature's Treasures Abound

**Flycatchers** include  
Kingbirds, Pewees and  
Phoebes, all birds that capture  
their prey while in flight..

Found around the world,  
Flycatchers like forest and  
wetland habitats. A  
distinguishing feature generally is  
a tufted head and a long tail  
feather. While in Africa my  
daughter and I were entertained  
by the African Paradise  
Flycatcher on the left. He  
seemed to use his long tail  
feathers to propel himself with an  
athletic whip-like thrust.

Biblically "Phoebe" was a dancer,  
also a benefactor to many  
people.

I believe that we all will agree that  
no more beautiful creatures  
control perky flies than Nature's  
variety of **Flycatchers!**



**Great Crested Flycatcher**

A Common Evening Tree  
Top Midwestern Fly  
Hunter  
Photo by E-bird

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