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Collared Sunbirds *Anthreptes collaris* are well known for adorning their nests with decorations which range from bark, fibres, plant materials, leaves and cobwebs (Tarboton 2001). During December 2010 I observed a nest with the usual collection of decorations but also including a snake skin woven intricately throughout. Judging from the length and thickness of the skin I assume it was from one of the common bush snakes found in the Tala Game Reserve, KwaZulu-Natal.

Dr Warwick Tarboton has not previously observed the use of snake skins on Collared Sunbird nests (pers comm).

References

*Figure 1:* Collared Sunbird nest using snake skin for decoration