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Larch Nest

Nest in larix decidua.

Irish, 2025

Measurements

8.5"H x 11.75"W

Reference #LarchNestSmall





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These nests probably had their beginning with the reading of a poem, Wild Geese, by Mary Oliver which concludes with the observation that the world is constantly offering itself to our imagination announcing our place “in the family of things”. My imagination had also become snagged on a wonderful image from W.B. Yeats,

*“that the mountain grass
cannot but keep the form
where the mountain hare has lain.”*

In fact I was so struck by that last image of a nest or resting place, both sheltering and alive, that I had gathered some old heather stalks with a possible idea of making a large nest of heather stalks and purple moor grass...

- Joe Hogan, Learning From The Earth, 2018