



**Title:** *“Empty Nest”*

**Description:** Allans Beach, Otago Peninsula, Dunedin

**Photographer:** Trevor Douglas

**Where, when:** Allans Beach, Otago Peninsula, Dunedin, January 2021

**Sustainability?** I arrived at the Allans Beach carpark on the Otago Peninsula to photograph the wildlife and found this row of pine trees had been felled. I started photographing the scarred trunks from the chainsaw’s teeth and then found this dislodged nest near the base of one tree. It reminded me of the huge variety of life in the canopies of trees, not just birds that are lost during this process.

Renewal is part of life’s cycles so tree felling in itself is not just a threat to the environment – it also provides an opportunity for another plant to grow. What matters is whether the ecological disturbance imposed by felling and other extractive uses is too severe or frequent for the natural systems to remain resilient.

**Photo notes:** Exposure 1/250s at 18 mm focal length, f/8 aperture and ISO-200.

**Digital specs:** 4,896 x 3,264 pixels (16 MP).

**Key words:** Forestry, Tree Felling, Habit Destruction, Bird Nest, Canopy, Ecological disturbance, Allans Beach, Otago Peninsula, Trevor Douglas, Aotearoa, New Zealand, Sustainability.

**Price:** \$200 (incl. GST) for use of the digital image.

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**Trevor Douglas, 23 November 2021.**