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It was a sunny 56 degrees day on 10/29/2021. At the Pawtuckaway South Mountain summit near 12:30, I observed a gray, brownish bird fly and land near a tree. The bird I found looked small with a fuzzy stomach and small white stripes on its wings. I tried to get a better look at it and it stayed for a while and flew away a little later. I thought it was interesting because of its size, if it was an adult bird or not. I was wondering what type of bird it was, and why it was so small.

I found out the bird I found was called an Eastern Wood Pewee. It's common in North America and can even be found in South America. I also found out that they look identical to the Western Wood Pewee, but can only be told apart by its call. Another thing that I found out is that its nest looks like a knot on a branch. They perch on dead branches and eat flying insects nearby.



Some new questions I have about the Eastern Wood Pewee are why does it have a different call than the Western Wood Pewee, yet look identical? Another question I have is why does its nest look like a knot? I could do more research and dig deeper to find out the answers to these new questions. I could also go to Pawtuckaway on the weekend and try to find one and get a closer look at the bird's nest to answer one of my questions. The Eastern Wood Pewee is common, so that can help me answer my questions.

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