

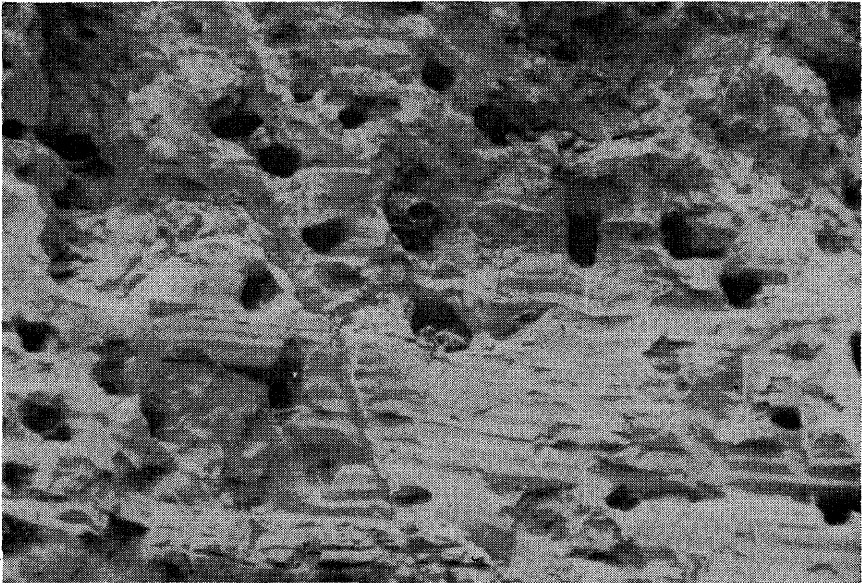
Cliff Swallow Nest in Active Bank Swallow Colony: On June 30, 1970, in Powder Mill Park, Monroe County, N.Y., while I was looking over the cliff containing Bank Swallow nests I saw the nest of a Cliff Swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*) among those of the Bank Swallows (*Riparia riparia*). It was constructed of small "pellets" fastened together. I couldn't tell if the "pellets" constituted the entire nest or if they formed a rim around a hole which had been previously excavated by Bank Swallows.

I watched the nest from about 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. The adult bird(s) did not return to the nest very often. When one did return it usually sat in the opening facing out for a few minutes before flying away again. After the departure of what I assumed was an adult, another bird, which I assumed was an immature, would come from inside the nest to sit in the opening until an adult returned. I couldn't tell if an adult fed an immature and I couldn't be sure that there were more than a total of two birds (adult and immature).

On both the adult and the immature I saw the light forehead, the bluish head, and the reddish throat. I didn't see the buffy rump because when an adult flew it was lost in a cloud of Bank Swallows, but once, just as one left the opening, I was able to see its square-cut tail from below.

The cliff is approximately 30' to 40' high and nearly vertical. It is composed of very fine powder-like sand. There are about 200 Bank Swallow holes, most of which were in use at that time. The Cliff Swallow nest was quite high up, but not at the top.

A day or two later Reginald W. Hartwell took two telephoto pictures of the nest. In October I looked for the nest again but there was no sign of it.



Cliff Swallow nest among Bank Swallow nests. Powder Mill Park, Monroe County, N.Y. Photographs by Reginald W. Hartwell.

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