Cliff Swallow

The Cliff Swallow is a common insect-eating bird that is found across North America.

It makes an oven-shaped nest out of hundreds of little balls of mud, which the birds carry one-by-one to the nest site. This acrobatic and adaptable bird nests on bridges and buildings, as well as on cliffs. They will also use artificial nest structures.

In Canada, populations are declining, possibly due to declines in insect populations.

Here's what you can do to help the Cliff Swallow:

Never disturb or destroy a nest during the nesting season

Provide an alternative nest structure (see over)

Help protect rivers and wetlands

For more information and building plans contact:

Canadian Wildlife Service,
Northern Region
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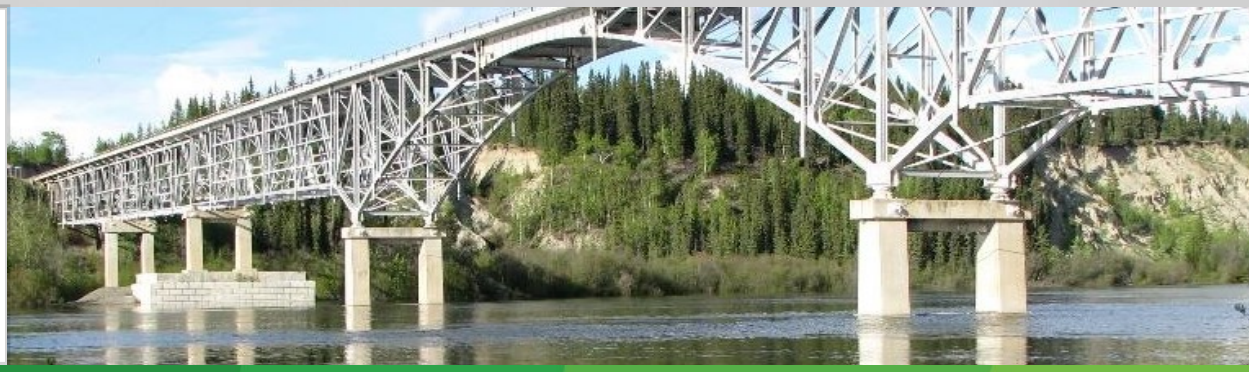

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Provide Nesting Habitat

Cliff Swallows readily adapt to artificial nesting structures; they need:

- **Shelter from rain**
- **A rough surface (vertical/horizontal) to attach their nest**
- **A source of mud**
- **Safety from ground predators**

Building plans are available from Canadian Wildlife Service, Northern Region: cwsnorth-scfnord@ec.gc.ca

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