

All you ever wanted to know about Swallows



The Facts:

Size: 5" to 6", 1oz

Life Span: 4 to 6 years

Food: Insects

Habitat: Suburban areas near water

Nesting: Elaborate mud nests

Breeding: 2 broods per year, 4-5 eggs

Migration: Arrive in southern states
March

What makes a building attractive?

There are several criteria that determine a building's attractiveness:

1. Water Source
2. Food Source
3. Mud Source
3. Eaves that provide Shade

Are Swallows protected?

Swallows are protected by the Migratory Bird Act of 1918. Under state and federal regulations, it is illegal for any person to take, possess, transport, sell or purchase Swallows, their feathers, nests and eggs, without a permit from your local department of fish and wildlife.

A *completed* Swallow nest cannot be touched without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during their season which starts February 15 to September 1.

Can I tear down a Swallow's nest?

Nests can be knocked down before they are completed. A completed Swallow nest cannot be taken down without a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service between February 15 and September 1. Permits can be issued by local

How can I discourage them from nesting on my building?

Exclusion is the most effective solution for nesting Swallow problems. Eliminating the most desirable nesting spot on your building will cause them to find another suitable building to nest.

There are other solutions, but each problem is different and will have to be looked at by your Certified Bird Barrier Installer.

