

like the Barn Swallow, under the eaves of barns and other buildings. The gourd-shaped nests of both species may occasionally be seen in peaceful commingling on the same barn.

The last member of the Swallow family to arrive from the south is the Bank Swallow, *Riparia riparia*. This is the least pretty of our swallows, also the smallest. It is brownish-gray above, and white below, with the exception of a *dusky band across the breast*. It can be recognized at once by its nesting habits. What it loses by its lateness in coming, it makes up doubly by its energy in nesting. No sooner has it come than it digs into the nearest sand bank, without any delay after its long journey from the south, and this, without taking into consideration the nearness of boys or other evil agencies, that will at once render unavailing its best efforts. In a sand pit at Ottawa, when its nests were destroyed by the breaking down of the sand walls by the men hauling the sand away, they would nevertheless set to work digging new tunnels in the same banks. When ground was broken for the foundations of the new Victoria Museum at Ottawa, these Bank Swallows came in numbers, bored into the sides of the excavations and did not in the least mind the men working a few feet away from their nests. By the dusky band across their breast they can be told from the Tree Swallow; their twittering is also more rasping than that of the other swallows.

The sixth and last swallow, the Rough-winged, *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*, is found in some places in south-western Ontario only. It is much like the Bank Swallow, but may easily be distinguished from it by the dusky gray of throat and breast, being the darkest of the smaller swallows.

Now a reader may ask, What about the Chimney Swallow? Where does that come in? Answer: The Chimney Swallow is no swallow at all but a *Swift*, belongs to an entirely different order, far removed from the swallows in classification and by structure. But, since it is associated with the Swallows in the popular mind, we will here introduce it.

The Chimney Swift, *Chætura pelagica*, is an inhabitant of our cities like the Purple Martin, and, like the Cliff Swallow, has adapted itself to and made use of the changed conditions wrought