

while my first sight of a Dickcissel in Colorado was on July 20, when two males were noted in Aurora, adjacent to Denver on the east. A third was seen the next day in the same neighborhood, and a fourth well within the eastern border of Denver on July 30, apparently the first record for the city. Mr. McCrimmon has published his observation of the species in the western part of the state ('Auk,' 1926, p. 550).—W. H. BERGTOLD, *Denver, Colorado.*

**More Notes on Cliff Swallows.**—In the October, 1924, issue of 'The Auk' I reported the return of Cliff Swallows (*Petrochelidon lunifrons lunifrons*) to Brookfield, Mass.

The next summer Mrs. Charles Thompson of New Braintree, a neighboring town, told me that some strange Swallows had come to her farm and were building inside the barn. I accordingly investigated and found a small colony of Cliff Swallows.

When the large barn door was open these birds had entered and begun plastering nests along the side of the center beam which supported the middle scaffold of the barn. Since the Cliff Swallows would not use the small windows under the roof as the Barn Swallows have always done, Mr. Thompson kept the large door open all the nesting season for their accommodation.

Unlike the nests built by the Brookfield Cliff Swallow colony under the eaves outside the barn, these nests were not retort shaped. One pair of birds forsook the colony and built a nest under the piazza roof close to the right of the back door where they seemed as undisturbed by the constant traffic through the door and slamming of the screen as did their barn kinsmen when high loads of hay passed perilously near their homes.

Shortly after the eggs had hatched in the nest under the piazza roof, it crumbled to pieces and fell with the young to the floor. Fortunately the Thompsons saw the tragedy and Mr. Thompson hung a strawberry box up where the nest had been plastered and put the two young birds in it. The parent birds spent so much time covering the strawberry box with mud that it seemed at first as if their nestlings were neglected. They thrived, however, and were interesting pets when learning to fly.

This spring the Swallows returned and a pair set about repairing the strawberry box. All the other birds nested as before in the barn. Something happened to an egg in the strawberry box and the home was deserted. Still wishing to dwell apart these Cliff Swallows made over a Phoebe's nest much to the Phoebe's disgust, as it was in the interim between her first and second brood, and raised a family successfully there.—CLARA EVERETT REED, *Brookfield, Mass.*

**Yellow-throated Vireo Breeding in Delaware Co., Pa.**—The Yellow-throated Vireo (*Lanivireo flavifrons*) I consider an uncommon bird in the vicinity of Glenolden, Pa. During the eight years we have lived here, I have observed it but twice. This species evidently prefers