

FROM THE EDITOR: A paper published recently in the Journal of Field Ornithology (59(4):337-344, 1988) merits attention of the OOS membership. Entitled "Site tenacity in culvert-nesting Barn Swallows in Oklahoma," it was authored by Sarah S. Iverson. During 1980 and 1981, 524 nestlings and 225 adult swallows were banded at 23 concrete culverts along state highway 51 between Interstate Highway 35 and Stillwater, in Payne County. Return rates in 1981 and 1982 were significantly higher for adults than nestlings. All three nestlings that returned were recaptured in culverts other than those where they had hatched. Of 40 returning adults, 35 came back to culverts where they had previously nested and the percentage of returns was positively correlated with nearness to Interstate Highway 35. This suggests that this north-south thoroughfare might function as a migratory guideline. A second variable, thought to be social, that correlated with culvert tenacity was colony size. Although there was no significant difference between male and female return rates, no male swallow changed culverts.—Jack D. Tyler.

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