## THE MONTCLAIR BIRD CLUB YOUR WEEKLY BIRD 50

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## **Barn Swallow**



Barn swallows can be very difficult to photograph as they cruise low across the water feeding on insects. But periodically, they light on the phragmites to rest and encourage any young to fend for themselves. These birds are at Richard W. DeKorte Park in the New Jersey Meadowlands. Their nests are located under the eaves of the administration building. They also find nesting sites in nooks and crannies just about anywhere on a structure, or behind light fixtures, and in just about any location in a barn, with an apparent preference for rafters.



After finding a supermarket wall with some hanging mesh, the perfect mud nest was built.



At other times, they perch close by for closeups.

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