

Young swallows were not the only ones to suffer from the snake attacks. Of the five birds removed from the snake, one was an adult as evidenced by complete ossification of the skull. A random search in the first twenty feet of nests along the wall where the snake was found, revealed three adult swallows dead and desiccated. It can only be assumed that these adult birds, in trying to protect their nestlings, succumbed to the snake peril.

The culvert entrance was cleared of overhanging branches and vines to minimize the future chances of snakes crawling onto the nests. Short life appears to be the probable fate of this culvert. The Tennessee Valley Authority has eventual plans to build another dam below this area and flood the valley to a depth of 20 feet above the culvert. However, the Cliff Swallow appears to be one bird that favors the coming of man and his works, as is evidenced by the numerous structures both in the East and West that accomodate swallow nests. Maybe this group will move to the new dam and set up housekeeping there? The future remains to be seen on the actions that these Cliff Swallows will take.

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#### PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

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