

# News from Nan

## NEWS 'N' VIEWS

# SWALLOW UPDATE

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Well, the swallow story didn't have as happy an ending as we had hoped for!

We enjoyed the little guys' home-construction activities for many weeks, and then all of a sudden our apartment maintenance people turned their sidewalk-washing hoses upward and started knocking down the delicate mud nests the birds had worked so hard to produce. It was awful!

This kind of mayhem is actually illegal during the nesting season under a 1918 law covering migratory birds of various sorts, and the California Fish and Wildlife department showed up to set the apartment management straight. Fortunately not all the nests were destroyed, and we can still see the birds coming and going across the courtyard, but it was lots more enjoyable close up!

We wonder... What happened to the birds that weren't able to carry through the perpetuation of their species this season? Did they find another location for their nests and are building again? (The nests took about two MONTHS to complete!) Will they try again here next year?

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