

low had occupied a bluebird house less than a week before the Violet-green Swallow was discovered. The Violet-green Swallow, which was seen carrying nesting material into the bluebird box, built a cup-shaped nest of grass and lined with feathers. On 23 June two all-white eggs were found in the nest. The Tree Swallow perched at the box's entrance watching the incubating Violet-green Swallow.

The nest was not checked again until 10 July, the last day the adults were seen. It contained a single egg with dehydrated contents.



Female Violet-green Swallow carrying nesting material to bluebird box in Winnebago County near Shirland, Illinois, 5 June 1994. This species paired with a male Tree Swallow and represents Illinois' first confirmed breeding record of Violet-green Swallow as well as first record of hybridization attempt between the two species. Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.



*Above:
Female Violet-green Swallow
entering nest,
5 June 1994.
Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.*

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*Right:
Female Violet-green Swallow
perching on bluebird box
nest site, 5 June 1994.
Photo by Joe B. Milosevich.*

