

THE HOUSE SWIFT NESTING IN BANGKOK

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On 20 May 1964, a few **House Swifts** (*Apus affinis*) were seen circling the two concrete water towers towards the southern end of Rajadamri Road, opposite Lumpini Park; and a small cluster of nests could be seen under the reinforcing ring of the more southern tower. There appeared to be about six nests, either complete, in the course of construction, or abandoned, but observation suggested that not more than three of the nests were currently in use.

Later observations failed to reveal the presence of more than five birds visible near the nests at any one time and frequently appreciable periods of time elapsed without any **House Swifts** being in sight, the birds having apparently to range widely afield for food.

Deignan (1963, *Checklist of the Birds of Thailand*, *Bull. U.S. Nat. Mus.*, 226: 68), referring to *Apus affinis subfurcatus* (Blyth) states that this subspecies is "Reported from the northern plateau (Chiang Mai) islets of the Inner Gulf and the peninsula provinces from Prachuab Kiri Khan south to Trang".

On 13 June 1964, in company with Mr. *E.C. Dickinson*, a nesting colony of *A. affinis* was discovered on a small rocky islet, Hin Khao, east of Koh Samat and south from Ban Phe, a small fishing village to the east of Rayong.

