

## Project Update: January 2015

I spent a full 8 weeks in the Bahamas from 12th May to 7th July 2014, initiating a comprehensive research project on the Bahama swallow (*Tachycineta cyaneoviridis*). I was based on Great Abaco Island, and took two short trips to Andros Island during the season. In the field, I focused on locating active nests in natural and artificial cavities, and capturing individual birds at foraging sites. In addition to starting the collection of important biological information, this season also provided opportunities to familiarise myself with these islands and further develop collaborative relationships with the Bahamas National Trust (BNT) and Friends of the Environment. As a PhD student in the Department of Biological Sciences at Virginia Tech, I will continue this research project over the next several years.

