

## Project Update: August 2017

We just finished our 2017 field season, and overall it was a success! We conducted population surveys for Bahama swallows and other cavity-nesting birds, which will provide population size estimates and information on the habitat use of these species. We located over 60 active Bahama swallow nests, and we were able to monitor twenty of these nests using our "peeper" camera, which provided additional breeding biology information, including reproductive success. We found nests of the other cavity-nesting species, hoping to shed some light on the level of competition for cavity-nesting resources and the impact this competition could have on the Bahama swallow.



*Bahama Swallow nest development*

With the help of the Bahamas National Trust, we also participated in Birds Caribbean's Caribbean Endemic Bird Festival. We went into five elementary schools to talk to the children about the island's cavity-nesting bird community, and their excitement and enthusiasm was truly inspiring!



*Local children participating in nest web activity. Photo by Kadie Mills*