



Musing

July 2020 - "The Little Things, They're Not So Little"

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In mid-April, I put out four swallow houses by our dock on Sweet Lake. When the swallows returned, shortly after the houses went up, there were about 12 to 15 tree swallows zooming around, singing their watery calls, and checking out the accommodations. I was so happy they were back! Eventually, two pair of swallows took up residency. Since then, I have thoroughly enjoyed sitting at the end of our dock, watching them do their acrobatic flights in catching bugs to feed their young. It is one of my little joys of summer, to sit peacefully on the dock and watch nature unfold.

Another sweet little nature moment, is seeing the first flycatchers return in early May. When we were building our cabin in 1980, a flycatcher built a nest in the open eaves above our living room window. They have been returning every year since then, and nesting in the same location. This year they had four babies. They have already fledged and left the nest. Most likely, the mother will have a second clutch of eggs, before her internal clock tells her to take her young south in September. Our two children grew up watching the flycatcher babies every year. Now our two year old grandson is carrying on the family tradition.

Another little thing, that isn't so little, to our quality of life at Sweet Lake.

Oh how grateful I am to have this wonderful place to enjoy these beautiful moments of nature.

Peace be still...