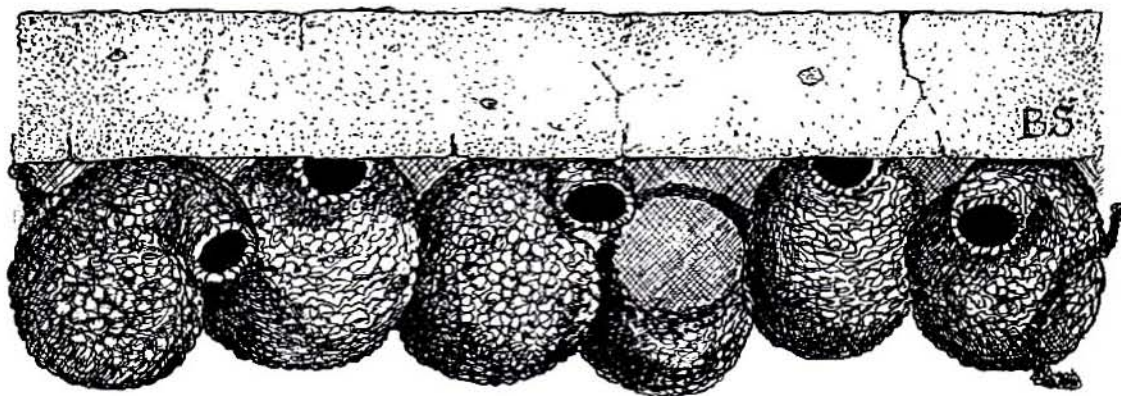


few miles south of Gainesville in the chalk country overlooking the Tombigbee River Valley in Sumter County.

This sparrow is reasonably abundant in western open country, and these records in Alabama mark the eastern limit of its range in the southeast. Observers might be on the lookout in the prairie soil regions of our area for this western visitor with its pleasant song of buzzes and trills. *Bob Reid, 2616 Mountain Brook Pky., Birmingham, AL.*

Cliff Swallows expanding range in Alabama. On 18 April 1987 Bob Reid, Fred Alsop, and Jerome (Buddy) Cooper, discovered a "sizeable" colony of Cliff Swallows (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*), under an I-20 overpass over a railroad near the river at Riverside in St. Clair County. Thirty-five nests were counted on 7 May 1988. Bob feels that the colony is probably in its second or third year of occupancy. A colony on the Upper Coosa at Weiss Lake was established in the mid-70's (see map, Figure 3). The birds reached Mobile in '82, and the first nest in coastal Mississippi was noted in '86. Other colonies on the edge of the Piedmont in North Carolina and South Carolina were discovered in '85 and '86. *Bob Reid, 2616 Mountain Brook Pkwy., Birmingham, AL.*



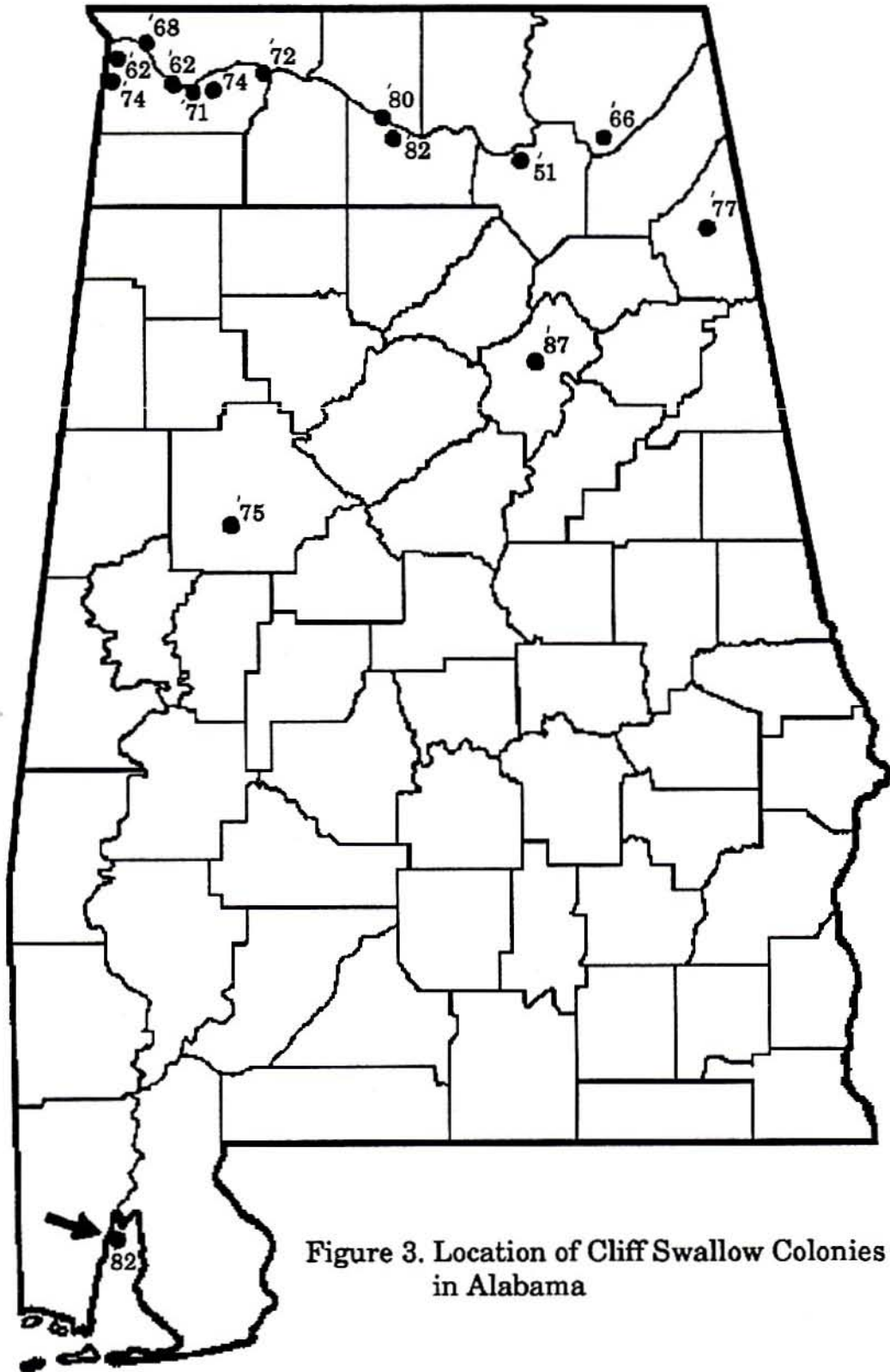


Figure 3. Location of Cliff Swallow Colonies in Alabama