

24 April, 1999

Dan Bogar
421 Susquehanna St.
Marysville, PA 17053

Dear Dan,

Thank you for submitting documentation on the Violet-green Swallow you saw in Marysville on 10 May, 1997. After careful review we regret that we are unable to accept this record. The committee felt that the description was too brief in detail for an adequate determination to be made (e. g., the facial pattern is not described). This does not mean of course that the bird was not a Violet-green Swallow, merely that the details did not allow for a definite determination.

We hope that this does not discourage you from submitting documentation on any rare birds you find in the future. Please be encouraged to send as much detail as possible when submitting a report.

Sincerely,

For the Committee,
Roy A. Ickes, Chairperson

Record # 571-01-1997

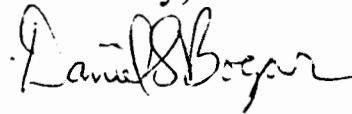
• Violet-green Swallow 571-01-1997

The following is a brief description of the details surrounding my observation of a Violet-green Swallow:

Marysville, Pa.

On May 10, 1997 between 9:00 and 10:00 am I was standing along the shoreline of the Susquehanna River. I observed a bird through 10X binoculars that was approximately the same size, shape, and color as an adult Tree Swallow from a distance of about 25 meters. This bird had large white flank patches on both sides. The outer third of both sides of the rump was white and the middle third was dark green. This bird was flying approximately 2-3 feet below my eye level and I got an excellent look at its dorsal side. By the time I got on this bird it was flying away from me so I did not get a look at the head pattern. I watched this bird fly upriver for about 8-10 seconds until my view was obstructed by some trees. This bird was distinctly different than the rest of the Tree Swallows which were migrating past by the dozens. The morning was mostly cloudy, if the sun was out it would have been behind me and to my right about 45 degrees.

Sincerely,



Daniel S. Bogar

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round # 1 of

Species: Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*)

Date of Sighting: 10 May 1997 to 10 May 1997

Location: MARYSVILLE

County: CUMBERLAND

Observer(s): Dan Bogar

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Dan Bogar

Written Description: YES

Photo: NO

Specimen: NO

Recording: NONE

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV	Class V			Abstain
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F. Haas						X		
P. Schwalbe				X				
K. Parkes						X		
R. Ickes				X				
P. Hess				X				
J. McWilliams						X		
T. Floyd						X		
TOTALS				3		4		
DECISION				X				

Comments:

Signature (Secretary):

F. Haas

Date:

4-19-99