

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

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SPECIES (common and scientific name) Cave Swallow Petrochelidon fulva
Subspecies, if known my guess would be pelodonta, but I am not sure

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 5 SEX(ES) unknown

AGE(S) AND PLUMAGE(S) (e.g. immature; adult in breeding plumage; year for gulls; basic or alternate if you prefer those terms; state of molt if applicable): I believe adult, they were all the same age group

DATE OF OBSERVATION 11/4/05 TIME About 4pm

LOCATION (city, borough, township) Warren County

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road) At The Dam overlook for KINZUA DAM

OBSERVER REPORTING:
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OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you): N/A

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details) open lake at dam with river downstream forest surrounding sides

DISTANCE TO BIRD within 50 yards and at 1 point less than 30ft

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you) The sun was already over the mountain, although it was still light for good viewing. Very little wind.

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED Leica Binoculars 8x42

DESCRIPTION (Include as much detail as you observed - size relative to other species present; "jizz"= e.g. posture, body shape, and proportions; colors and patterns of plumage; bill, eye, and leg characteristics; other features relevant to this individual): pale rufous throat, darker rufous forehead, the rufous of the forehead extended back over the eye to at least the back end of eye, it also extended in front of eye and blended with the throat. The ear patch was the same rufous color as the throat. The collar was lighter than the ear patch + throat. The rump was slightly rufous, the belly was white, and the sides may have been slightly rufous (they appeared to be, but it could have been a shadow) The tail was squared

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing) Flying in front of overlock for a few minutes and then downstream over the dam.

VOCALIZATIONS NONE detected.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IF ANY:

Photograph _____ Video recording _____ Audio recording _____ Drawing _____

Photographer/recorder/illustrator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail (optional) _____ phone (optional) _____

Please include a copy of the photograph or recording with your report, and accompany it with a complete written documentation if the identification is obvious to you. If you made a drawing, please include it.

IF THIS IS A DEAD BIRD:

General condition _____

If collected (by permit), location of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others) Fore head was rufous + extended over the eye, throat and auricular patch were same color with no dark patch + eliminates cliff swallow

DISCUSSION - Anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:

This occurred at a site where I have seen swallows late in the season - usually N. Roughwing or tree. It is also a breeding location for cliff.

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES Cliff swallows breed locally and I have experience with Cave Swallows from Cape May and 2 Western trips to S. TEXAS.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why not) YES, The characteristics were easy to see at the distance and I took notes

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation NONE (None during writing this)

After observation Sibley + N. Geographic

DATE OF THIS REPORT: 11/4/05

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER 

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I stopped at Kinzua Dam about 4pm to scan the 30 + gulls on the railing and flying around - all Ring-bills and I noticed 2 Swallows, 2 became 5 and I started to get excited. The distance at one point was within about 30 feet. The throat was pale - with a slight rufous coloration and the forehead was slightly darker rufousy colored - definitely not pale white - and extended back to at least the back end of the eye and in front of the eye to the bill and blended in with the throat. There was no dark coloration below the eye or on the ear patch and the color was roughly the same as the throat. The collar was lighter than the throat and the rump seemed slightly rufous! The belly was white and the flanks had just a smudge of rufous. The tail was squared. All of them looked to be the same age group and all had similar coloration. They proceeded to go downstream toward Warren and may have been heading toward a roost as the sun was already behind the hills. I believe I had 5 Cave Swallows, but I do not know what race. I think setting up on the dam overlook or at the spillway in the morning might pay off. Go east on Rt 59 from Warren for approximately 6 to 7 miles.

John Fedak
Bradford

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Cave Swallow (Petrochelidon fulva)

Date of Sighting: 4 November 2005 to 4 November 2005

Location: KINZUA DAM

County : WARREN

Observer(s): John Fedak

Date of Submission: 2005

Submitted by: John Fedak

Written Description: Yes

Photo: No

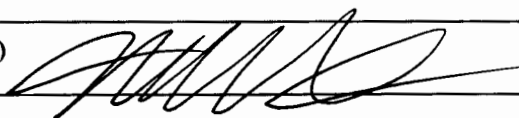
Specimen: No

Recording: No

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A	Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	Abstain
R. Wiltraut			X					
A. Guarente			X					
P. Guris			X					
J. Stanley			X					
E. Witmer			X					
J. Heller			X					
M. Sharp			X					
TOTALS			7					
DECISION			X					

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date: 7/24/06