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Rare Bird Report Form

PENNSYLVANIA RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

This form is presented as a convenience and guide. It can be used if desired, but is not necessary for submitting a report. Species requiring documentation are those on the Review List or not on the Official List of Birds of Pennsylvania.

Send documentation to:

Nick Pulcinella, Secretary
 Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee
 613 Howard Ave.
 West Chester, PA 19380
nickpulcinella@verizon.net

SPECIES (common and scientific name)

CAVE SWALLOW

Subspecies (if known)

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS 2 SEX(ES)

ADULTS

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):

ADULT PLUMAGE

DATE OF OBSERVATION 11/11/08 TIME

1:30 PM

LOCATION (city, borough, township)

TIOGA MARINE TERMINAL, DELAWARE AVE, PHILA

EXACT SITE (e.g. name of park, lake, road)

SEE ABOVE

OBSERVER REPORTING:

Name

AL GUARENTE

Address

421 S. OLD MIDDLETOWN RD

City

MEDIA

State

PA

ZIP/9063

e-mail (optional)

OWLGUARENTE@YAHOO.COM

phone

(optional)

610-566-8266

OTHER OBSERVERS (only those who saw and identified the bird with you):

JOHN MILLER, DORIS MCGOVERN, SHARON GUARENTE

HABITAT (e.g. mowed field, woodland edge, any other details)

WATER TREATMENT PLANT

DISTANCE TO

BIRD

50 FT

VIEWING CONDITIONS (sky, weather, position of sun relative to you)

SUNNY WITH A FEW CLOUDS
SUN AT OUR BACK OR SIDE

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT USED

ZEISS 10x42 BINOCULARS

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):

AN OBVIOUS SWALLOW SPECIES. THE BIRDS HAD A SQUARED OFF TAIL SIMILAR TO WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT ON A CLIFF SWALLOW. RUMP COLOR WAS A PALE RUFIOUS COLORATION FOREHEAD COLOR - SAME AS RUMP. THE BIRDS HAD AN OBVIOUS NECK BAND WHICH ENCIRCLED THE HEAD. NECK COLOR AND THROAT COLOR WERE ALSO PALE RUFIOUS. I COULDN'T CATCH ANY COLORATION UNDER THE WINGS OR THE BODY THAT ~~MAY~~ MIGHT BE CONSIDERED RUFIOUS BUT THE BIRDS WERE SO FAST IT WAS HARD TO GET ON THE DETAILS.

(Please use an additional page if necessary.)

BEHAVIOR (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)

BIRDS WERE HAWKING INSECTS IN THE USUAL WAY THAT SWALLOWS FEED. NEVER SAW THEM SITTING ON A WIRE, ALWAYS FLYING.

VOCALIZATIONS

NONE HEARD

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 and number of specimen if known _____

SEPARATION FROM SIMILAR SPECIES (how you eliminated others)

SEPARATED FROM CLIFF SWALLOW
BY PALE THROAT. ALSO THE CAVE SWALLOW HAD A SMALL
CAP WHICH DIDNT EXTEND DOWN BELOW EYE. THE CLIFF SWALLOW
HAS A DARK "HOODED" APPEARANCE WHILE THESE BIRDS WERE MUCH
LIGHTER IN THE THROAT AND APPEARED "CAPPED" INSTEAD OF
HOODED

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

I BELIEVE PHOTOS WERE OBTAINED THE NEXT DAY

(Please use an additional page if necessary)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH THIS AND/OR SIMILAR SPECIES

JUST SAW SEVERAL HUNDRED CAVE SWALLOWS AT CARLSBAD
CAVERNS IN NEW MEXICO ABOUT 3 WEEKS AGO.

ARE YOU POSITIVE OF YOUR IDENTIFICATION? (why or why
not) 100% SURE

REFERENCES CONSULTED:

During observation SIBLEY

After observation

11/12/08

DATE OF THIS REPORT:

SIGNATURE OF OBSERVER

M. Guarente

Species: Cave Swallows (*Petrochelidon fulva*)

Number: 3

Location: Northeast Water Pollution Control Plant, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, PA

Date: 25 November 2008

Time: 9:50- 11:00 AM

Weather: Variable skies from cloudy to light sun, some drizzle

Optics: Leica Ultravid 8x42, Swarovski ATS 80HD (20-60x)

Observer: Tom Johnson (tbj4@cornell.edu) – 24 Meadowood Dr., Hummelstown, PA 17036

On 11 November 2008, Frank Windfelder found 3 Cave Swallows at a waste treatment plant in Philadelphia. I viewed the birds on 25 Nov 2008 while birding with Carolyn Sedgwick. A large flock of swallows was at the pond consisting of ~130 Northern Rough-winged Swallows, 1 Tree Swallow, and 3 Cave Swallows. The Caves stood out in flight with their pale buffy throats, pale collars, buff-orange rumps, and rusty foreheads. The underparts were pale whitish with some faint darker streaking along the flanks; undertail coverts were light buffy with dark markings near the tips of the longest undertail coverts. The backs were blue-black with white scapular streaking.

The wings were brown and blue-black, with an obvious molt limit in the flight feathers. The inner portion of the flight feathers were all replaced, appearing dark blue/black, while the outer, unreplaced primaries were paler brown and somewhat worn. This molt limit present on all three Cave Swallows indicates that all are hatching year (HY) birds.

Photos of at least one of the Cave Swallows are attached in the report.

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Voting Tabulation – Round One

Species: Cave Swallow Petrochelidon fulva

Date of Sighting: 11 November 2008 to 12 December 2008

County : PHILADELPHIA

Location : PHILADELPHIA

Observer(s): Frank Windfelder m.obs

Date of Submission: 2008

Submitted by: Jeffrey Davis, Al Guarente, Tom Johnson, Sandra Keller, Mike Logan, Tony McDonald, Matt Wlasiewski, Eric Witmer

Written Description: Yes

Photo: Yes

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							
T. Johnson	X							
B. Coulter	X							
C. Rutt K. Fryburger	X							
J. Heller	X							
G. Malosh	X							
TOTALS	7							
DECISION	X							

Comments: 7/0

Signature (Secretary)



Date:

7/1/08