

Submission Date	2012-11-27 15:55:35
Observer's Name	Cameron Rutt
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Observer's Address	Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Ramsay Koury
Species (Common Name)	Cave Swallow
Species (Scientific Name)	Petrochelidon fulva
Number of individuals	2
Have you submitted this to eBird?	Yes
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Unknown, although both birds show retained outer primaries
Observation Date and Time	11-17-2012 3:00 PM
County	Philadelphia
Location (City, Borough, Township)	near Richmond, PA
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Northeast Water Treatment Plant
Optical equipment used	Swarovski EL 8.5x42 binoculars and a Canon 60D with a 400mm f/5.6L
Description	See photos
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	Seen in flight over the wastewater treatment facility among a group of Northern Rough-winged Swallows (~38). Although the NRWS were found perching in some trees to the NE, we never saw either CASW sitting.
Discussion - anything else relevant to the observation that will aid the committee in evaluating it:	<p>I think the two birds presented in the following photos nicely portray the differences in facial coloration in Cave Swallows. There was a rash of "Caribbean" Cave Swallows reported in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, which may have been due to dark-throated birds, like the bird in the latter photos. However, Sibley (in his blog; below) states that there is complete overlap in throat/cheek coloration between these two subspecies.</p> <p>http://www.flickr.com/photos/chrysoptera/8194204415 http://www.flickr.com/photos/chrysoptera/8195296744 http://www.flickr.com/photos/chrysoptera/8195295612</p>

Interestingly, as many as 9 CASW were found here the following day (Matt Sharp):

<http://birding.aba.org/message.php?mesid=285033&MLID=PA01&MLNM=Pennsylvania>

Are you positive of your identification ? (Why or why not)

Yes

After

<http://www.sibleyguides.com/bird-info/cave-swallow/>

Supporting evidence (check all that apply)

Photograph

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