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Observer's Address	Street Address: 450 Amherst Avenue City: Moon Township State / Province: PA Postal / Zip Code: 15108 Country: United States
Names of additional observers	Dave Wilton, Mike Fowles, Evelyn Fowles
Species (Common Name)	Cave Swallow
Species (Scientific Name)	Petrochelidon fulva
Number of individuals	1
Age(s) and Plumage(s) and Sex (if known)	Unknown.
Observation Date and Time	11-01-2012 5:20 PM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist?subID=S11921814
County	Westmoreland
Location (City, Borough, Township)	Beaver Run Reservoir
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Reservoir Road causeway (PA-286)
GPS coordinates of sighting	40.485049,-79.553804
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	probably 150-200 feet at closest approach
Viewing conditions	Thick overcast but no precipitation, adequate light but gloomy overcast.
Optical equipment used	Leica 82mm APO spotting scope.
Description	This report is being submitted well after the fact. The description I entered into eBird later that evening is copied below verbatim: ---

Foraging over the reservoir south of the Rte. 286 bridge. Found by Dave Wilton. The bird was a pale-rumped, square tailed swallow. It spent much of its time too far from the bridge for critical observation, but did approach closely enough on one occasion that the following marks could be seen with a spotting scope: From above it had a dark back, dark wings, and a dark tail which was separated from the back by a pale buffy rump. Two indistinct white streaks were visible on the back between the wings extending from the nape toward the rump. Forward of the dark back, the bird had a pale, buffy collar extending all the way around the neck, setting off a dark cap. The throat appeared to be pretty much the same color as the collar (buffy), as did the side of the bird's head ("cheek"), rather than obviously darker in both throat and cheek as in Cliff Swallow. Forward of the crown, the bird showed a pale (but not bright white) forehead patch. On the underside, other than the throat which was slightly buffy, the bird appeared basically a very light gray or white overall. Eliminated Cliff Swallow primarily by the color of the throat and cheek, and the way that the throat, cheek, and collar across the back of the neck were all very similarly colored (pale/buffy) all the way around. No photos.

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

See above in description

Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)

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

Yes

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