

## PA Rare Bird Report

<b>Submission Date</b>	2017-11-07 13:43:25
<b>Observer's Name</b>	Jochen Baurmeister
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<b>Observer's Address</b>	3206 Brookside Dr Furlong PA 18925 United States
<b>Species (Common Name)</b>	Cave Swallow
<b>Species (Scientific Name)</b>	Petrochelidon fulva
<b>Number of individuals</b>	1
<b>Observation Date and Time</b>	11-07-2017 9:00 AM
<b>Did you submit this sighting to eBird?</b>	Yes
<b>Link to eBird checklist</b>	<a href="http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S40359264">http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S40359264</a>
<b>County</b>	Bucks
<b>Location (City, Borough, Township)</b>	New Britain Township
<b>Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)</b>	Peace Valley Park
<b>GPS coordinates of sighting</b>	N 40.317971, W 75.201856
<b>Habitat</b>	Lake
<b>Distance to bird</b>	approx. 700 yards
<b>Viewing conditions</b>	overcast clear day
<b>Optical equipment used</b>	Swarovski ATX 30-70 x 95 telescope
<b>Description</b>	Small swallow with relatively broad wings and square tail. Upper side was dark with reddish buffy rump and dark head, there was no white forehead. Underside was pale. I could not notice how dark the throat was.
<b>Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)</b>	Bird was flying low over the lake and made two circles for about 40 seconds. Then it flew very high up and disappeared in south west direction over the dam.

**Separation from similar species (How you eliminated others)**

The size, shape and the rump color eliminates all other swallows apart from Cliff. The forehead was clearly dark so the only alternative would be a juvenile Cliff Swallow. The rump of the bird was clearly reddish (more rufous than creamy) and not pale which excludes the Cliff Swallow.

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