

PA Rare Bird Report

Submission Date	2017-11-07 13:43:25
Observer's Name	Jochen Baurmeister
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Observer's Address	3206 Brookside Dr Furlong PA 18925 United States
Species (Common Name)	Cave Swallow
Species (Scientific Name)	Petrochelidon fulva
Number of individuals	1
Observation Date and Time	11-07-2017 9:00 AM
Did you submit this sighting to eBird?	Yes
Link to eBird checklist	http://ebird.org/ebird/view/checklist/S40359264
County	Bucks
Location (City, Borough, Township)	New Britain Township
Exact Site (E.g. Name of park, lake, road)	Peace Valley Park
GPS coordinates of sighting	N 40.317971, W 75.201856
Habitat	Lake
Distance to bird	approx. 700 yards
Viewing conditions	overcast clear day
Optical equipment used	Swarovski ATX 30-70 x 95 telescope
Description	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.
Behavior (be as detailed as possible about what the bird was doing)	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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