

Swallows of the Columbia Valley

Did you know that there are six species of swallow in the Columbia Valley? Did you know that an individual barn swallow can consume 850 mosquitoes a day? Swallow populations are facing cumulative threats such as the changes in populations of flying insects (food source), incidental take, collision with vehicles, habitat destruction, and large-scale impacts such as climatic changes on wintering and/or breeding grounds. Wildsight Golden's 5-year Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project will conserve and enhance habitat for two at-risk swallow species (Bank and Barn Swallows).

If you have any questions, please contact the Upper Columbia Swallow Habitat Enhancement Project's biologist, racheldarvill@gmail.com.

How can you help?

Please leave swallow nests intact. Swallows will often re-use their nests and it is illegal to remove them. Avoid using pesticides, but instead let the birds be a natural predator in your garden. Keep harmful pets indoors and add nest boxes (with predator guards) to your yard! Create natural and artificial cavities for them to nest. Plant flowers to attract beneficial insects and birds to your yard.



Tree Swallow



Barn Swallow



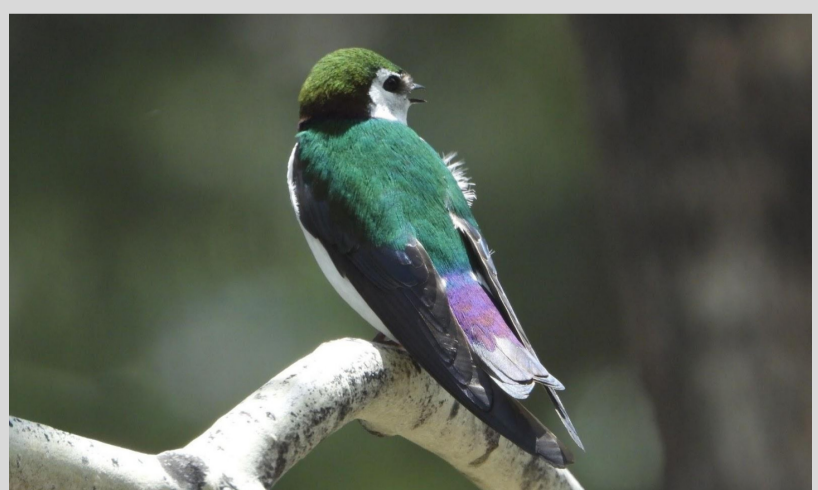
Bank Swallow



Northern Rough-winged Swallow



Cliff Swallow



Violet-green Swallow

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