



SWALLOW ROOST MONITORING 2017

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Please fill out this survey to the best of your ability and complete a separate 'visit' form (page 2) for repeat visits to the same location. Any photos and/or videos are of great help! *Your Participation is greatly appreciated.* The information you contribute will help to identify important swallow roosting habitat and monitor the population status of these declining species in Canada.

The best time to look for roosts is at dusk and just before dawn. Station yourself at a safe and strategic location with good visibility of the surrounding habitat and scan the sky for birds. Before planning your excursion, make sure you have permission to access the site. Speak with Nature Canada or one of our partners about where roosts might be located in your area.



Roosting Site: *A place where hundreds or thousands of birds regularly gather to rest at night. In Ontario, roosts begin to form in late July and last until mid-September. They can often be found in the wetland shorelines or marsh islets along the Great Lakes. At dusk, birds circle over the area and settle in. At dawn, they can be seen flying out in massive groups.*



Staging Area: *A location where hundreds or thousands of swallows and other birds assemble to rest and feed. Large numbers of birds can be seen perching on power lines or in tall trees during the day or in the evening before they go to roost for the night.*



Foraging Habitat: *Swallows can often be seen foraging for flying insects - often over agricultural area, wetlands, or at the waters edge.*

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Date : _____ Observer Name : _____
 Email : _____ Phone Number : _____
 Full Mailing Address : _____

Site & Habitat Description

GPS Coordinates of Survey location (NAD18T) :

_____ E, _____ N

Address/Locality :

Primary Habitat Use (by swallows) :

- Roost Staging Area
- Foraging Other :

Talked with Landowner : Yes No

Land Ownership : Public Private Other: _____

Notes:

Landowner Contact Information (if provided)

Name of Company : _____

Name of Contact : _____

Position/Title : _____

Email : _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address : _____

Check up to **3 boxes** representing the dominant habitat(s) within a 200 m radius surrounding the colony

Forested	<input type="checkbox"/> Young, successional <input type="checkbox"/> Mature
Open - Dry	<input type="checkbox"/> Grassland <input type="checkbox"/> Hayfield <input type="checkbox"/> Shrubland <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture / grazing land <input type="checkbox"/> Cropland <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned cropland / fallow field
Open - Wet	<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh <input type="checkbox"/> Fen <input type="checkbox"/> Bog
Human-made	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial
Other	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____

Description of how site was accessed and survey method :

Description of visible threats to swallows or their habitat :

Other Notes (e.g., additional species records or habitat detail)
