



PURPLE MARTIN PROJECT

SWALLOW ROOST MONITORING 2016

Delivered by Nature Canada's Purple Martin Project in Partnership with:



Environment and Climate Change Canada

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The Gosling Foundation

OBSERVER INFORMATION *optional

Full Name(s) : _____

Email : _____

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Mailing Address : _____



Roosting Site: A place where hundreds or thousands of birds regularly settle or congregate 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 staging area is a location where 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.

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 Ontario.

Please fill out this form as completely as possible and complete a separate form for each site observation.

Any photos and/or videos are of great help!

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. Speak with Nature Canada or one of our partners about where roosts might be located in your area.

SITE INFORMATION

Date: _____ Observation Time: _____

Wind (circle one): no wind/light wind/strong wind Sky (circle one): clear/partly cloudy/overcast/rain

Address/Location: _____

Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

**If you cannot provide GPS coordinates, drop a pin on Google Maps that estimates the location of the roost center*

Public Access? (describe): _____

Habitat Description (Is this a roost or a staging area? Please describe the habitat to the best of your ability):

Threats (please describe any potential threats to the site within 5km, e.g. predators, nearby wind facilities, human disturbance):

SPECIES OBSERVATIONS

Please count and record numbers for each species observed. If you do not have exact numbers, feel free to provide a range (example: 50 – 100 adult and 200-250 juvenile Purple Martins). You can use the 'total' column if numbers were not recorded separately for juveniles and adults. Provide any additional details about the species behavior under the 'notes' column.

Species Name	Juveniles	Adults	Total	Notes
Purple Martin				
Tree Swallow				
Barn Swallow				
Cliff Swallow				
Bank Swallow				
Northern Rough-winged Swallow				

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
(We value your comments and love to hear your stories!)

THANK YOU

** Please submit your completed form along with any photos or videos to Nature Canada:*



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