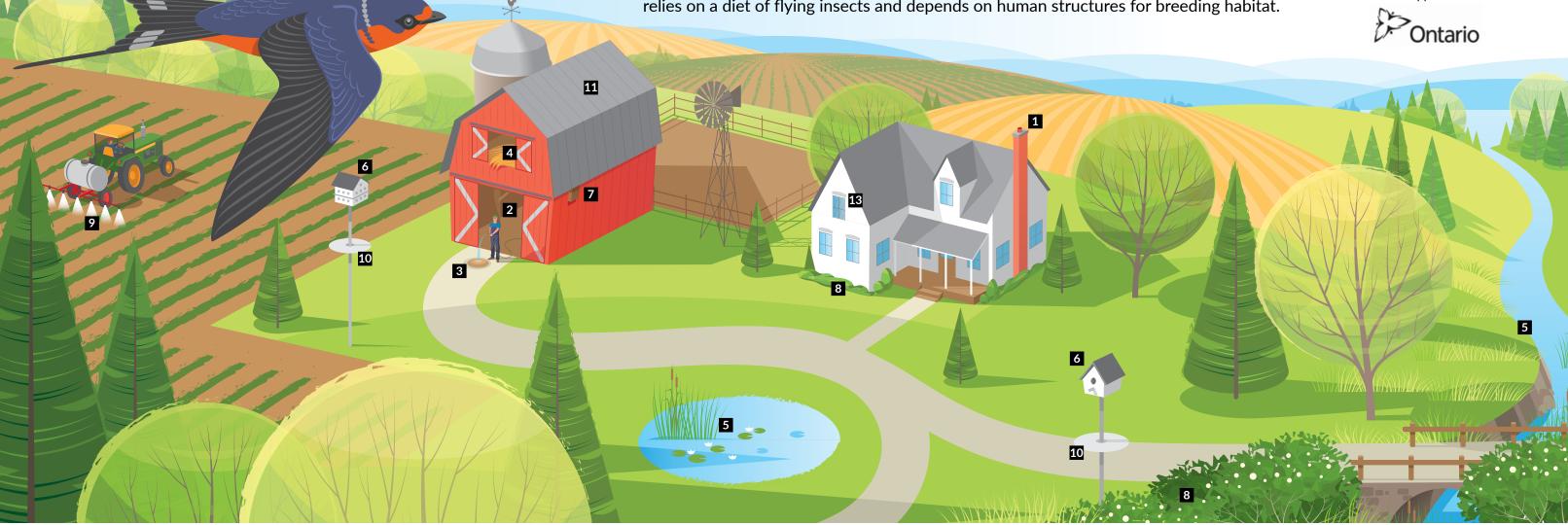
Countryside Guide to Helping Swallows, Bats, and Other Birds

Farmers and other rural landowners play a critical role in supporting the habitats of birds and bats in Ontario. Explore this info-graphic to learn about of some of the beloved species in your neighborhood and what you can do to help them. Each of these declining species relies on a diet of flying insects and depends on human structures for breeding habitat.

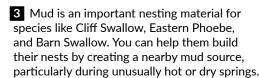


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Chimney Swift



1 Old stone and brick chimneys are important

can be left uncapped and unused (with damper

habitat for threatened Chimney Swifts. They

2 Leaving access points such as barn/shed

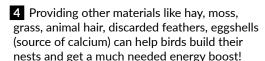
season helps provide safe entry and exit for

threatened Barn Swallows to their nesting

doors and loft windows open during breeding

closed) during breeding and migration

(April - September).



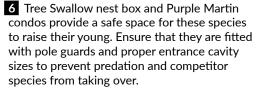


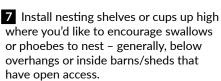
Purple Martin



Eastern Phoebe

5 The maintenance of healthy wetland, fallow field, uncut hay, shrubs and understorey plants provide bats and birds with a nearby water source and supply insects for them to eat and feed their young.





8 Plant insect-friendly native plants to help attract food sources for these insectivorous species: nanps.org

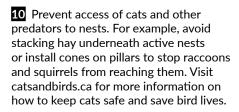


Little Brown Myosis



Tree Swallow

9 Use alternatives to pesticides, – herbicides, insecticides and other harsh chemicals that interfere with songbird migration and reduce insect prey populations.

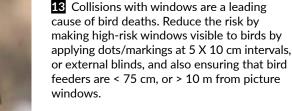


Ensure that any structures with active nests have adequate ventilation particularly those with metal roofs in order to prevent overheating or dehydration of nestling.

12 Support local nature efforts, or help your neighbors with any of these tips on how to be a good steward!



Bank Swallow







Barn Swallow

If you find an injured bird or bat: ensure that the animal is safe from people and pets, do not feed it, and immediately contact your local wildlife rehabilitator for further instructions.

Thank You- for your help! Together we can make a difference and ensure the survival of these threatened species.



Cliff Swallow