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LONG POINT BIRD OBSERVATORY

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RARITY REPORT

In order that any sight record or banding of a rare species can be accepted for the historical record, it must be properly documented. LPBO cooperators are therefore asked to complete a form in every case where a rarity is being claimed. Guidance as to which species are considered rare in the Long Point area may be obtained from the Migration Program Manager. Each observer should prepare his/her description independently and preferably before consulting any field guides or other literature. PLEASE PRINT.

Species claimed: CAVE SWALLOW

No. of birds: 1

Age:

Sex:

Date(s): 7th NOVEMBER 2003

Place: THE TIP OF LONG POINT.

Time(s) of Observation: 4:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Who first saw the bird(s): FERGUS NICOLL

Who first identified it: FERGUS NICOLL

Other observers (names and addresses): JANE HAYDEN, CHRISTIAN FRIS, HENRI ROBERT, ANNE CONDON
ENRICO SERATO. ALL: C/O LPBO

Any who disagree: NONE

Your previous experience with the species: NONE

Your previous experience with any closely similar species:

(a) Formerly: SEEN MANY TREE SWALLOWS THIS FALL, AND EXPERIENCED AT BARN SWALLOW
ID IN EUROPE, PLUS OTHER EUROPEAN SPECIES.

(b) Same day: TREE SWALLOW

Species present for comparison: NONE

Which were beside it for comparison: NONE

Distance from observer(s): WHEN PERCHED DOWN TO c. 2 METRES

How measured: IN RELATION TO TREE PERCHED ON.

Optical aids used: BINOCULARS - ALL OBSERVERS HAD THEIR OWN PAIR.

Weather conditions (at time of observation)

Visibility: GOOD

Cloud Cover:

Lighting: BRIGHT + SUNNY

Wind direction and speed: WEST FORCE 3.

Other relevant conditions:
(eg. rain, snow cover, etc.)

For "Waterbird " records only

Lake conditions:

Wave height:

Height of observer above lake:

Was observer's position sheltered:

Weather system preceding the date of observation (if known):

Attach weather map clipping from local or national newspaper if relevant.

Associated movements of other species:

Was the bird trapped: NO

Band # if banded:

Was it photographed: YES

If yes, by whom (name and address): CHRISTIAN FRIS C/O LPBO

Specimen or parts preserved:

Present location:

Circumstances:

I originally saw a bird on the early evening on the 6/11 which was almost certainly a Cave Swallow and was presumably the same bird as was found the next day. However I only saw the bird briefly and it was not seen by any other observer that day, so I had to ~~try~~ let it go as a 'probable' and hope it was found the next day.

The following day Fergus saw two swallows and followed them down 'the lip' where one eventually perched and allowed him excellent views, he identified the birds ~~as~~ as Cave Swallows. Myself and Anne then arrived and saw the bird perched down to about 2m. I then went to ask all the other observers and we all obtained good views of the bird. The bird eventually took flight and gave us good views in flight as well. We watched the bird for about an hour in total.

Description:

Give separate description for (a) in the field (b) in the hand. Include full measurements and wing formula with hand descriptions.

The bird was first seen perched for a couple of minutes then ~~to~~ in flight.

Perched

Views down to c. 2m. The underside was seen better as we were looking up at the bird.

Tree Swallow sized with orange throat and collar. There was also ~~some~~ orange above the bill which was darker than that on the throat. The rest of the underside was pale whitish with a pale buff band across the lower belly. There were small dark dots along the undertail coverts and a dark band across the very tip of the tail.

There was no dark band between the orange of the throat and the rest of the underside.

On top the bird appeared dark apart from the collar, no rump was visible at this stage.

In Flight

Close views. Saw the orange-red rump plus collar on the bird in flight. Underside all pale whitish though the wings were slightly darker than the belly, and the throat orange.

In flight the wings came slightly shorter than the end of the tail.

In addition to this the bird which I saw on 6/11 called. The call note was similar to that of a Barn Swallow 'chirrup' but lighter and softer. It made this call four times.

(Continue on extra sheet if required)

Did you refer to any guides/other literature:

(a) at the time: NO

(b) afterwards: YES

Finally, is this record 100% certain? YES

Signed:

Jane Hayden

Date: 16/11/03

Mailing Address: