



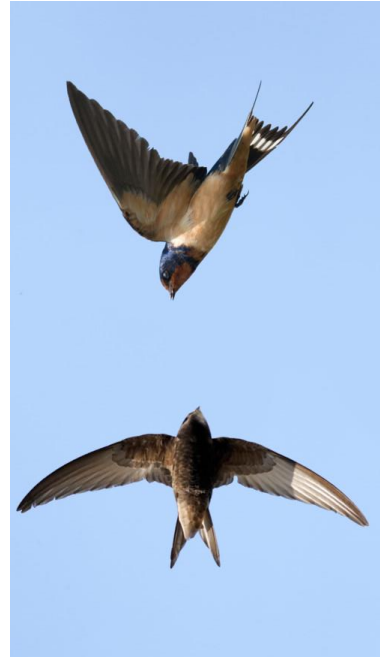
SWALLOW NESTS AND BUILDINGS

SWALLOWS & THEIR NESTS ARE IMPORTANT

Swallows – both barn and cliff swallows – are common around buildings, making mud nests on eaves and overhangs, like on the Pala Administration building. Adults eat flying insects like mosquitoes and moths.

SWALLOW NESTS

Don't remove mud nests made by birds in the spring and summer! They need these homes to raise their young.

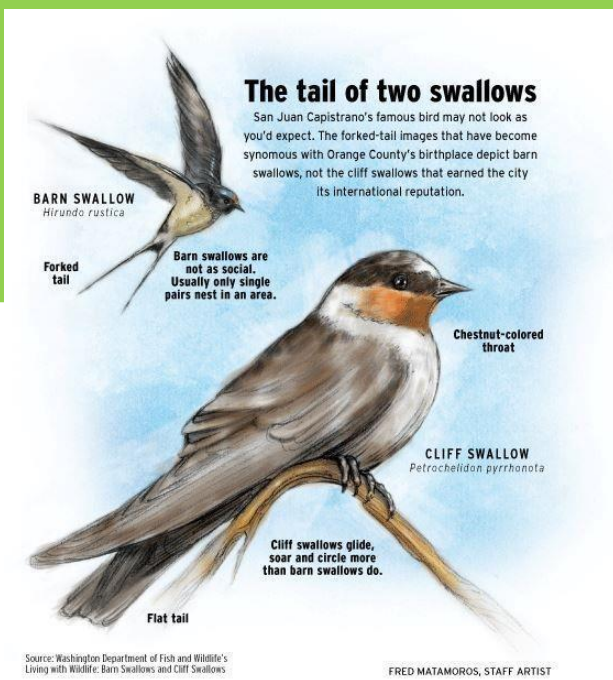


BARN SWALLOWS

- Nest on, or in, buildings in cup-shaped mud nests.
- Nest alone or in loose groups.
- Deep blue backs with a heavily forked tail.
- *Hirundo rustica*

CLIFF SWALLOWS

- Mud nests shaped like gourds.
- Nest in large colonies on buildings or cliffs.
- Adults are iridescent blue/black with flat tails and rusty patches.
- *Petrochelidon pyrrhonata*
- Often near water.



SWALLOWS IN FLIGHT

Swallows feed by “hawking”. Adults will find an insect swarm and can be seen in the hundreds, swooping and eating bugs, many times above lakes or pastures. They help control disease by consuming pest insects.

