

# 308 Red-rumped Swallow

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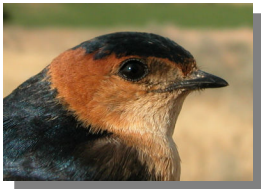


Red-rumped Swallow. Adult . Male (01-VI).

## RED-RUMPED SWALLOW (*Cecropis daurica*)

### IDENTIFICATION

18-20 cm. Glossy dark blue upperparts; rusty brown neck and rump; streaked pale underparts; very long outermost tail feathers.



Red-rumped Swallow: pattern of head, tail and rump.

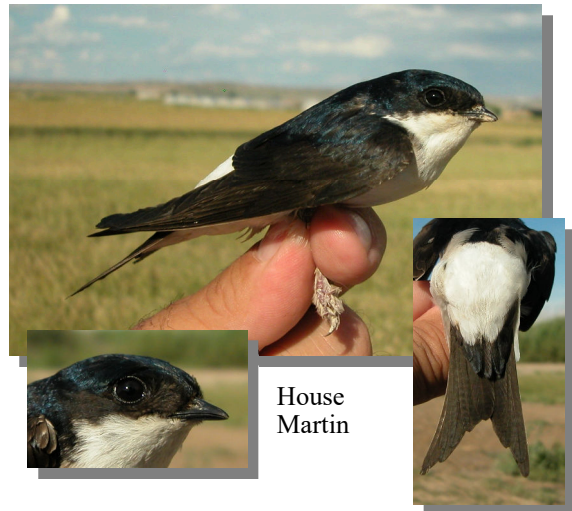


### SIMILAR SPECIES

Recalls a **Barn Swallow**, which lacks pale rump and neck band and has chestnut on the head. **House Martin** lacks chestnut on the head and has white rump.



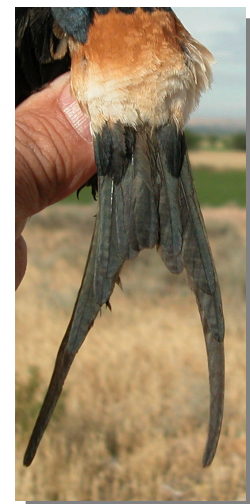
Barn Swallow



House Martin

### SEXING

Sexes with very similar plumage, but length of the outermost tail feathers can be an useful feature for sexing most birds: **male** with the outermost tail feather longer than 100 mm and distance between tips of the longest and the shortest tail feathers longer than 55 mm. **Female** with the outermost tail feather shorter than 92 mm and distance between tips of the longest and the shortest tail feathers shorter than 50 mm. **Juveniles** cannot be sexed.



Red-rumped Swallow. Sexing. Length of the outermost tail feathers: left male; right female.

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AGEING

2 types of age can be recognized:

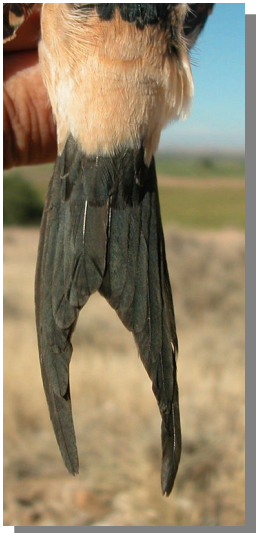
**Juvenile** with dull head feathers; buff brown neck; very pale rump; tertials and greater coverts with white buff tips; short and rounded outermost tail feathers (shorter than 80 mm); fresh plumage.  
**Adult** with metallic black-bluish upperparts; rusty brown neck and rump; tertials and greater coverts without white buff tips; long and pointed outermost tail feathers (longer than 80 mm); in **summer** with worn plumage.  
After **postbreeding/postjuvenile** moults, ageing is not possible using plumage pattern.



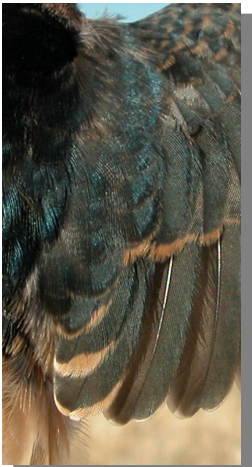
Red-rumped Swallow. Ageing. Pattern of wing coverts: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Red-rumped Swallow. Ageing. Pattern of head: top adult; bottom juvenile.



Red-rumped Swallow. Ageing. Pattern of the outermost tail feathers: left adult; right juvenile



Red-rumped Swallow. Ageing. Pattern of tips of tertials: left adult; right juvenile.

MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** and **postjuvenile** moults, which can begin in breeding areas and are completed in wintering quarters.

PHENOLOGY

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## STATUS IN ARAGON

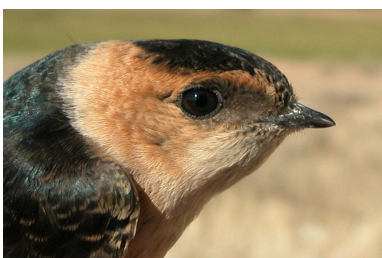
Summer visitor, very scarce in the Region with a few number of breeding pairs in mountainous areas.



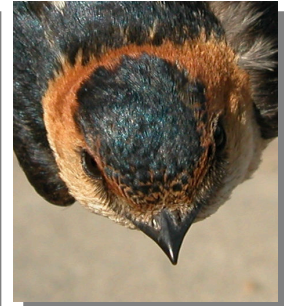
Red-rumped Swallow. Adult . female (01-VI).



Red-rumped Swallow. Juvenile (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Head pattern: top adult male (01-VI); middle adult female (01-VI); bottom juvenile (29-VII).



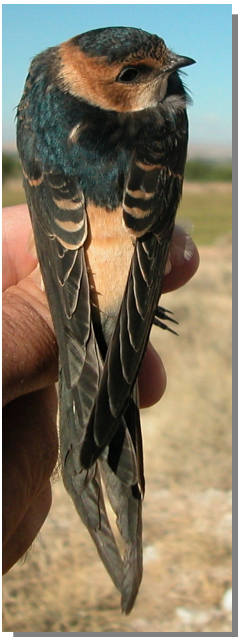
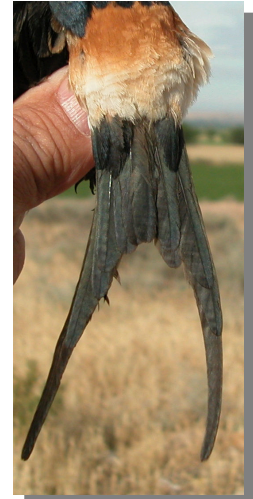
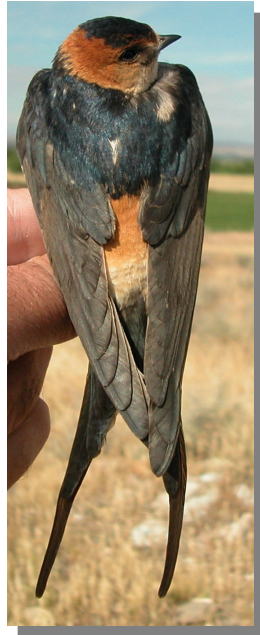
Red-rumped Swallow. Crown pattern: top left adult male (01-VI); top right adult female (01-VI); left juvenile (29-VII).



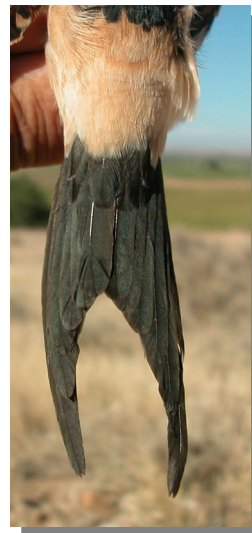
Red-rumped Swallow. Breast pattern: top adult male (01-VI); middle adult female (01-VI); bottom juvenile (29-VII).

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Red-rumped Swallow. Upperparts pattern: top left adult male (01-VI); top right adult female (01-VI); left juvenile (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Tail pattern: top left adult male (01-VI); top right adult female (01-VI); left juvenile (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Adult. Male: pattern of wing coverts (01-VI).



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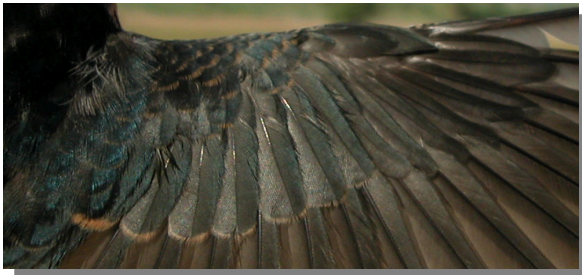
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Red-rumped Swallow. Adult. Female: pattern of wing coverts (01-VI).



Red-rumped Swallow. Adult. Male: pattern of wing (01-VI).

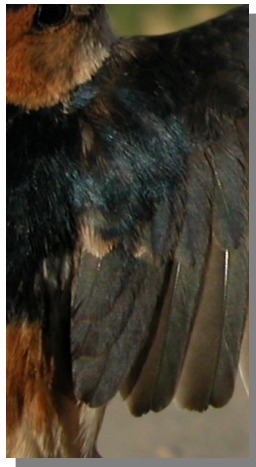


Red-rumped Swallow. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (01-VI).

Red-rumped Swallow. Juvenile: pattern of wing coverts (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Juvenile: pattern of wing (29-VII).



Red-rumped Swallow. Pattern of tertials: top left adult male (01-VI); top right adult female (01-VI); left juvenile (29-VII).