

culverts and under bridges in Texas. Within a few years, these swallows had begun nesting over the southern two-thirds of Texas and up into south-central New Mexico. During this same period reports of the species began to come from southern Texas during the winter. They began showing up at Cape May, New Jersey, and have become annual there in the fall. Birds started visiting Great Lakes shorelines within the last ten years.

Cave swallows can also be found in Florida. These, however, come from the West Indian race *P. f. fulva* and may well be a different species entirely. Unlike the southwestern population, Florida's has not increased markedly in size. All those seen at Cape May and elsewhere in the Northeast and Great Lakes have been of the southwestern race. If trends continue, cave swallows may become annual visitors to Ohio, and will be well worth looking for along Lake Erie's central basin in November.



Dorsal view of a cave swallow found dead on a Lakewood front porch. Photo taken in situ by Jim McCarty 20 Nov 2005.



Joey Shively captured this portrait at Crane Creek SP 13 Nov.

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