

ALBINO TREE SWALLOW

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We found this albino Tree Swallow, exhausted, July 7 this summer. Apparently it had not been fed by the parents.

After half a day, we managed to get it to eat, taking food (bioled egg yolk, hamburgers, mynah bird meal, supplemented with bugs, etc.) from the end of a tooth pick.



The Conservation Department in Watertown, N.Y. was interested and we took the bird to their office for them to see.

After one week we realized that the bird was not satisfied with feed and was very restless, so released it. Two days later we found it dead. There were no marks on it that would suggest other birds had tormented it, but noticed it was very thin, indicating it did not get food or was unable to feed itself.

The eyes, legs and feet were very pink. It seemed very healthy when released. I wonder if any albinos do survive.

Since we have helped many birds through the years -- we felt rather sad when we found it.

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