







Bank Swallow

(Riparia riparia)

These migratory birds nest in burrows, which they excavate on steep, eroded banks. Bank Swallows are the smallest swallow species in Canada and rely on insects for food. They live in colonies from ten breeding pairs up to thousands. They spend their summers in North America, and migrate to Central and South America in the winter months. You can find Bank Swallows in New Brunswick between May and September.



If you have any questions about Bank Swallows, our projects, or if you'd like to volunteer, please reach out to us at:

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Bank Swallow Guide



Conservation Status

Unfortunately, due to declines in suitable habitat and food sources, Bank Swallow populations in Canada have declined dramatically since the 1970s, and up to 99% in southern New Brunswick. They are listed as an Endangered Species at Risk in New Brunswick. The Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee (KWRC) is advocating for Bank Swallows by working on projects that involve locating and monitoring their colonies, collecting scientific data, and creating public outreach materials, like this brochure!



Bank Swallows *need your help!*



If you spot a Bank Swallow or an active nesting colony in New Brunswick, please share your observation, including a photo and location, on a citizen science platform like eBird or iNaturalist. Your contribution will support the KWRC and other organizations in tracking the Bank Swallow population in the region. This valuable data will help us to know where to focus our conservation efforts to protect Bank Swallow nesting habitat.

 iNaturalist  eBird

Bank Swallow ID

Look for the following features:

- 1 Brown head
- 2 White underparts
- 3 Brown wings
- 4 Brown tail feathers
- 5 Brown band across chest
- 6 White strap on 'jawline'

