

**Chimney Swift *Chaetura pelagica***

The Chimney Swift breeds largely in the eastern half of the United States. Since the 1980s, however, small numbers have been showing up regularly at a few spots in California, especially Los Angeles, where the birds are suspected to breed. The Chimney Swift is now known to be more likely in southern California in midsummer than Vaux's Swift. Nevertheless, this range expansion has hardly touched San Diego County, where there are only 11 records.

**Migration:** San Diego County's Chimney Swifts have all been near the coast, on dates ranging from 21 May to 22 August—thus overlapping minimally with the migration of Vaux's Swift. Records more recent than the four listed by Unitt (1984) are of six to eight in downtown San Diego (S9) 11 July 1982 (E. Copper, AB 36:1017, 1982), one near Del Mar (M7) 7–12 June 1983 (D. Delaney, AB 37:913, 1983), two at the northeast corner of Balboa Park (R10) 16 June 1989 (P. Unitt, AB 43:1368, 1989), three near Santee (P12) 22 June 1990 (R. E. Webster, AB



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44:1188, 1990), three at Chula Vista (U10) 21 July 1990 (E. Copper, AB 44:1188, 1990), two at San Elijo Lagoon (L7) 21 May 1991 (R. E. Webster, AB 45:496, 1991), and two in Mission Valley 6.5 miles inland (R9) 29–30 June 1994 (P. Unitt, NASFN 48:989, 1994). The only specimen is still the one from San Elijo Lagoon 12 July 1968 (Devillers 1970b, SDNHM 36690).