

BIRD OBSERVATIONS SEYMOUR TOWNSHIP, S.E. ONTARIO

Number of days on which a species is seen each month

**Chimney swift**

Data compiled 07-21 August 2024

Chart 1998-2024, 26 years (1999-2024 complete, 26 years)

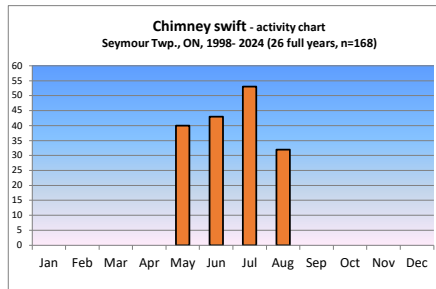
1998 notes : based on short visit on 05 June, and then on observations 24 August onwards

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	Notes
1998													0	
1999					2		1						3	26 May - 12 Jul
2000						2	5	2					9	19 Jun - 07 Aug
2001					4	1							5	11 May - 07 Jun
2002													0	
2003					6	4	5	5					20	17 May - 06 Aug
2004					5	5	8						18	15 May - 31 Jul
2005					1	1	3	3					8	31 May (or before) - 18 Aug
2006						5	5						10	01 Jun - 26 Jul
2007					1	5	2	1					9	31 May - 01 Aug
2008					1	2	1	3					7	31 May - 05 Aug
2009					3	2		2					7	14 May - 10 Aug
2010					5	3	4	2					14	25 May - 10 Aug
2011					1	5	9	5					20	13 May - 18 Aug
2012					5	1	3	1					10	11 May - 04 Aug
2013					4	2	3						9	18 May - 21 Jul
2014						1		5					6	30 Jun - 19 Aug
2015					1								1	17-May
2016													0	Away in early summer
2017													0	Away in early summer
2018													0	Away in early summer
2019													0	Away in early summer
2020													0	COVID year 1 - still none
2021							1						1	Hear report on/by 20 Jun
2022					1	1							2	15 May - 12 Jun
2023													0	
2024						2	4	3					9	18 Jun to 14 Aug
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
	0	0	0	0	40	43	53	32	0	0	0	0	168	

Bird strikes at home - none

Sightings updated to 20 August 2024 - probably all for the year (?)

Note: the chart displays the number of days in a given month in which the species was seen. This says nothing of total bird numbers: though commonly with this species one sees a fast-moving flock of flickering shapes at twilight, pursuing a last meal for the day. There may be just two or three, or maybe 10 or a dozen: not large flocks, as famously noted at a chimney in downtown Wolfville, Nova Scotia.



Bird identification, Cornell Lab of Ornithology: visit [http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/chimney\\_swift/z](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/chimney_swift/z)

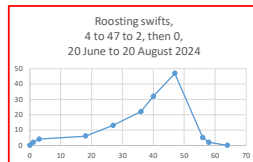
Chimney swift, local summary: <http://www.turnstone.ca/nhcs.htm>

The chimney swift used to be a familiar sight in summertime here., seen from the verandah, flitting back and forth with soft chittering sounds, at sunset, before disappearing mysteriously for the night. The key to finding them is to locate the roost: an uncapped brick chimney is ideal, unlike other designs erected by well-meaning folk, but sadly spurned by the swifts. A church chimney was located in 2024-the number of birds seen returning to roost peaked at 47 on 03 August.

Source: [www.turnstone.ca/birdlist.htm](http://www.turnstone.ca/birdlist.htm)

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Observations at a church chimney in Campbellford, over 2 months in 2024



Swift sightings in 2024: Two swifts seen at 0900 hrs over the Trent below Ranney Falls, on 18 June. Following tips, a church chimney was visited at sunset (roughly from 5 minutes before to 15 minutes after) on 9 occasions. The number of swifts seen entering the chimney is plotted here, including that 18 June date at the suspension bridge below the Falls, from 18 June to 20 August 2024. They may have been here every summer for years past, but we were not in the right place, at the right time (?).

Date	No. swifts
18-Jun-24	2
20-Jun-24	4
05-Jul-24	6
14-Jul-24	13
23-Jul-24	22
27-Jul-24	32
03-Aug-24	47
12-Aug-24	5
14-Aug-24	2
20-Aug-24	0