

# Bank Swallow Colony Inventory



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## What are we doing?

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife—with help from a team of biologists and citizen scientists—is conducting a statewide survey for nesting bank swallows. The individual who handed you this flyer is a volunteer on this project and is here to look for and observe bank swallow colonies.

## What are we looking for?

- many nesting burrows, oval in shape and about three inches wide and two inches tall, dug in nearly vertical, eroding dirt surfaces along stream and lake banks, coastal bluffs, gravel and sand pits, and roadcuts
- swallows flying around in front of a bank or colony, and flying into and out of burrows

## Why?

The purpose of this survey is to assess the current bank swallow population size and distribution within California.

## Do you have further questions about this survey effort?

If you are interested in the project and want to know more, please contact the lead biologist, Jeff McFarland, at [jeffrey.mcfarland@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:jeffrey.mcfarland@wildlife.ca.gov) or (916) 956-7044.



Thank you for your interest!

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