

# About Vaux's Swifts

Vaux's Swifts (pronounced "voxes") are named after scientist William Vaux (1811-1882)

## Why are swifts important?

Vaux's swifts rely on mature forests with large hollow trees that serve as roosting and nesting sites. Population declines have been reported in the Pacific Northwest due to the decline of the forest habitats on which they depend.

**11,440**

Peak # of Vaux's Swifts in the Chapman School Chimney in 2023

**6,500**

Number of miles traveled by Vaux's Swifts during migration

**30**

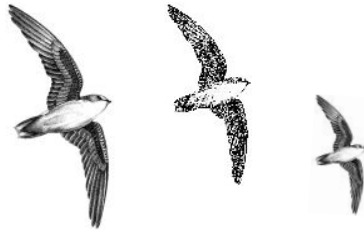
Number of days it takes a Vaux's Swift to travel from NW Washington to SW California

## Why are they in the chimney?

Vaux's swifts come together in large numbers before their migration south. This helps them to keep warm, avoid predators, and find safe roosting spots on their journey.

**<1 oz**

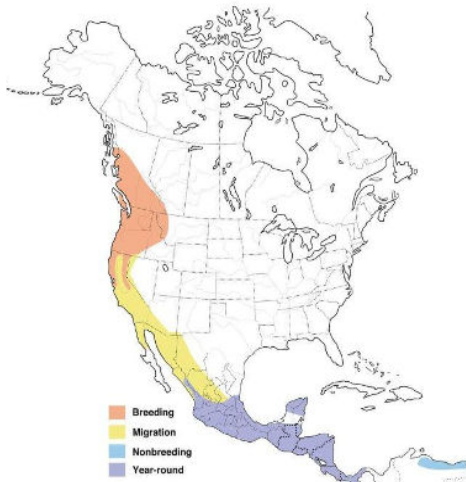
Weight of a Vaux's Swift



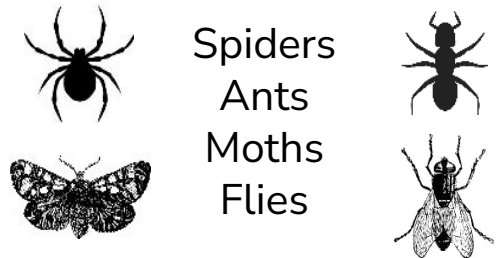
**4.5 inches**

Length of a Vaux's Swift

## Where do they live?



## What do they eat?



And other flying insects.



# YOU can make a difference for Vaux's Swifts!



## Become a Bird Alliance Member

Your Bird Alliance membership dues stay local and support our conservation and education work.



## Volunteer

Volunteers are critical to the success of Bird Alliance of Oregon. Whether your passion is caring for injured animals, teaching children, or maintaining hiking trails –there is a place for you! Visit our website to learn more!



## Make a Donation

Donations to Bird Alliance of Oregon are tax deductible, stay local, and help us protect wildlife, like the Vaux's Swifts, and their habitat. Visit our information table, speak with one of our volunteers, or go to our website to make a donation.



## Learn More

Visit Bird Alliance of Oregon's Information Table to learn more about Vaux's Swifts and how you can help! Plus – sign up for our email list to receive updates on Portland Audubon events and ways that you can get involved.

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## Please be a good “Swift Watcher!”

- Be considerate of community members and school children and the impact this event has on them.
- Pack it in, pack it out! Take all trash and cardboard with you.
- Be aware that it's illegal to consume alcohol on school grounds.
- No structures permitted (no tents, tables, etc)
- Dogs must be on leash
- Do not block emergency pathway

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