

Swallows Quiz: questions and answers



1. The swallows are found around the world on all continents except:

- Europe
- Africa
- Antartica

2. How many species of swallows exist?

- Around 83 species in 19 genera
- Around 92 species in 5 genera
- Around 75 species in 32 genera

3. What is the scientific name of the Pacific swallow?

- Hirundo tahitica*
- Hirundo smithii*
- Tachycineta cyaneoviridis*

4. Where does the Mascarene swallow (*Phedina borbonica*) breed?

- Madagascar and in the Mascarene Islands
- India and the Mascarene Islands
- Ghana and the Mascarene Islands

5. Who was the first to formally describe the Mascarene swallow?

- Trevor Kincaid
- Friedrich Gmelin

Lester E. Fisher

6. What is the most widespread species of swallow in the world?

- Mountain saw-wing (*Psalidoprocne fuliginosa*)
- Barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)
- African river martin (*Pseudochelidon eurystomina*)

7. What color are the tree swallow's (*Tachycineta bicolor*) upperparts?

- Blue-yellow
- Blue-green
- Blue-white

8. How big is the lesser striped swallow (*Cecropis abyssinica*)?

- 10 - 15 centimeters long
- 5 - 10 centimeters long
- 15 - 20 centimeters long

9. What is the wingspan of the American cliff swallow (*Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*)?

- 280 - 330 millimeters
- 130 - 180 millimeters
- 180 - 230 millimeters

10. What is the current conservation status of the Mangrove swallow (*Tachycineta albilinea*)?

- Near threatened (NT)
- Vulnerable (VU)
- Least concern (LC)

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