

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1- juvenile transitioning to adult
3. Parish:
Caddo
4. Specific Locality:
Along road to Municipal Pier on Cross Lake (perched on wires in fish hatchery)
5. Date(s) when observed: 12 October 2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: Morning (0800 to 0900 hrs)
7. Reporting observer: Larry R. Raymond
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Caleb Persia (originally found bird on 11 Oct.); Rosemary Seidler, JB Flores
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Same as 8
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Mostly cloudy, but birds easily seen when light improved.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Zeiss 10 x 40 binoculars; Aspen 20x to 60x spotting scope
12. Distance to bird(s): 100 to 200 feet
13. Duration of observation: Off and on for about 30 minutes
14. Habitat: Perched on wires about open field in hatchery
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Perched on electric wires; flying from wires and returning several times.

16. Description (include only what was actually seen, not what "should" have been seen; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species):

Large numbers of swallows were perched on wires; primarily Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cave Swallow, a few Tree Swallow, and at least one Bank Swallow. Both the Violet-green and Tree Swallow had bright white undersides, but the dark head area of the Tree Swallow extended below the eye. The Violet-green Swallow stood out because of its white face, dark smudge on face that was bordered by white behind and above the eye.

17. Voice: Not heard.

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

Tree Swallow was most similar, but dark on head extended as a solid cap below the eye. On this bird, the white surrounded the face smudge and extended above the eye.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Rosemary Seidler obtained several photos. See <https://ebird.org/checklist/S279593573>

20. Previous experience with this species: None that I remember.

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

Used Audubon app during siting. Checked both National Geographic and Sibley afterwards at home.

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting, After observation

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain:

Yes

24. Date report completed:

October 23, 2025

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes