

## 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. appeared to be an adult, but not sure. Sex unknown.
3. Parish:  
Caddo
4. Specific Locality:  
Cross Lake Fish Hatchery about .1 mile away from Cross Lake Municipal Pier
5. Date(s) when observed: 10/12/2025
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 8:00 - 9:30 am Bird was not seen again after about 9 am, although the large group of swallows remained until about 10am.
7. Reporting observer: Rosemary Seidler
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):  
Larry Raymond
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):  
Caleb Persia, J.D. Flores, Devin Bosler
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): It was overcast , so light was not good. Occasionally the sun would break through and violet and green colors
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Swarovski 10x binoculars. Don't know make and power of Larry's spotting scope. Viewed through my bins and Larry's scope.
12. Distance to bird(s): between 50-80 ft.
13. Duration of observation: on and off for about an hour. Swallows would fly up and reposition themselves on the wires. VGSW had to be refound each time.
14. Habitat: Birds were on a power line next to the road into the fish hatchery, which is located next to Cross Lake.

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was found by Caleb Persia on the afternoon of Oct. 11. He, Larry Raymond and John Dillon could not relocate it about an hour later. A group of observers searched for it early the morning of Oct. 12. There were over 100 swallows present. It was refound by Devin Bosler. Swallows would fly up and reposition themselves on the wires. VGSW had to be refound each time. There were mostly Northern Rough-winged Swallows, a relatively large number of Cave Swallows (20), Cliff, Tree, 1 Bank, a few Barn Swallows.

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):

Very similar to nearby Tree Swallow. Dark head and back. Back looked greenish when sun briefly came out. The most noticeable difference was the face pattern. The white extended behind and above the eye, unlike that in a Tree Swallow. There was a smudge on the cheek.

17. Voice: Couldn't isolate a specific species due to general chatter. Didn't try Merlin.

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

Tree Swallow. Blue on top of head, Dark band covering eye. White on face does not extend above the eye.

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

My photos are attached.

Caleb Persia has photos at <https://ebird.org/checklist/S279050327>

also at <https://ebird.org/checklist/S278770042>

J>D Flores has photos at <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/320494056>

20. Previous experience with this species: Seen on many visits out West - Colorado, Utah, Montana, New Mexico, Arizona

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

Sibley, iBird Ultimate

22. Identification aids used when?

At time of sighting

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

11/23/2025

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



