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Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Record type \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Habitat \_\_\_\_\_ Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Cx Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

Common Name Chimney Swift  
Scientific Name Chaetura pelagica  
Obs. date 2 May 1984 Time(s) about 1030  
Duration of obs. approximately 20 to 30 seconds  
Distance from bird variable, closest about 20 ft.  
Light conditions good, sun to our backs  
Optical equip. 7x35 binocs  
Photo equip. \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes made at time of sighting X Date report prepared \_\_\_\_\_  
Notes made later from memory \_\_\_\_\_ 4 May 1984

Weather at time of this observation.  
Clear, winds W-10-20  
Prior weather and number of days since change  
similar weather for several days  
Locality South side of Virgin River  
gorge, about 2 miles west of  
Hurricane, Washington County.

Enter number of birds in each category.	GENDER(S)	AGES(S)	PLUMAGE(S)	PHOTO(S)
	Males _____	Adults <u>1</u>	Breeding <u>1</u> Transition _____	Available _____
Total number observed.	Females _____	Juv/Imms _____	Eclipse _____ Dark phase _____	Enclosed _____
	♀ or Imms _____	2/3 yr birds _____	Winter _____ Light ph. _____	
<u>1</u>	Unknowns <u>1</u>	Unknowns _____	Other _____	

Description of bird: Size, colors, all field marks OBSERVED. - Unique features of this individual, if any.  
Bird was typical Chaetura shape: long slender wings held back at slight angle; short, cigar-shaped body with tail-less appearance; extremely short bill. Overall coloration of plumage was dark-gray to black. ~~It~~ Size was intermediate between violet-green swallows & white-throated swifts that it was flying among.

Flight was somewhat erratic with fast wing beats, but speed was slower than white-throated swift.

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

None

Variations from expected field marks.

None

List similar species and describe why or how you eliminated them.

Vaux's Swift - has whitish throat, & lighter underparts; smaller size (smaller than violet-green swallow); wing beat is more rapid & flight often more erratic.

Black Swift - much larger with distinct tail

Behavior of this bird. Other species seen with this one. Any interaction between birds?

Bird was flying along canyon rim at low elevation, & flew directly over us at a height of about 20 feet. Flight was somewhat erratic, not as direct as white-throated Swift. Flight speed was also much slower than white-thr. Swift. Observed near white-thr. Swift & violet-green swallow, no interaction.

Habitat at this location. Adjacent or near by habitat, if significant.

Basalt / sandstone cliffs adjacent to Virgin River.

Describe bird's song or sounds.

not heard.

Print reporter's name, address, phone number.

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Signature

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

I have observed thousands of Chimney & Vaux's Swifts, & a few hundred Black Swifts.

Corroborating observers not reporting separately.

Bob Douglas

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