

Responsibility Bird



Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*)

- Breeding Species:
Not present during overwintering period
- Widespread:
Detected at 71% of Audubon Refuges surveyed
- Most Important Habitats:
Developed High Intensity, Grassland/Herbaceous

The decline in Chimney Swifts has been even more dramatic in the states of CT, MA and RI than in the Mid-Atlantic as a whole.

Chimney Swifts have been shown to respond positively to the erection of roosting and nesting towers in open fields.

Moving forward, The Audubon Society of Rhode Island will plan to erect roosting and nesting towers on some of our refuges with extensive open habitats, such as Caratunk and McIntosh Wildlife Refuges. We will hope to expand this effort should we experience success at these locations.

