

# Responsibility Bird



## Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

- Breeding Species:  
Not present during overwintering period
- Widespread:  
Detected at 64% of Audubon Refuges surveyed
- Most Important Habitats:  
Forested Wetlands

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

On Audubon Refuges, the species is most commonly associated with low, wet habitats such as forested and scrub/shrub wetlands. These birds are most likely foraging and not nesting.

A monitoring scheme will be designed specific to the foraging and nesting needs of this species in the hopes that we can supplement the regional population through increased foraging and nesting success on our properties.

