

BANK SWALLOW (RIPARIA RIPARIA)

Federal/California status: --/Threatened



Bank swallows are small birds, about 5.25 inches (13 cm) in length. The throat is white, with gray-brown upperparts that contrast with darker wings. They have a brownish-

gray band across the breast that may extend in a line down the center of the breast.

These birds nest in large colonies, excavating nest burrows in steep cliffs.

Within the project area, bank swallows occur in Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter, Tehama, and Yolo counties.

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