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Lat/long _____ Reporter _____ Sci Name _____
 Habitat _____ Record type _____ Serial No. DEC 10 1982 - 062
 Date/time _____ Disposition _____ Cx Nos. _____

Common Name Vaux's Swift
 Scientific Name Chaetura vauxi
 Sight date 31 July '82 time 4 PM duration 10 min
 Distance from bird as close as 20 m.
 Light conditions excellent
 Optical equip. Zeiss 10x40 & Batiscope 20X
 Photo. equip. _____
 Number of this species seen 4
 Notes made at time of sighting Date this report was prepared _____
 Notes made later from memory _____
 Photo available Photo enclosed Nov. 82

Weather at time of this observation.
clear, sunny, warm

Prior weather & number of days since change
Same for long time

Locality
N. of Blacksmithfork Canyon
Cade Co., UT,

Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Adult <input type="checkbox"/>	Age unk. <input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Plumage <input type="checkbox"/>	Light Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Subadult <input type="checkbox"/>	♀ or Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	Breeding <input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Phase <input type="checkbox"/>
Sex Unk. <input type="checkbox"/>	Juv/Imm <input type="checkbox"/>	2/3 year bird <input type="checkbox"/>	Eclipse/Winter <input type="checkbox"/>	Molting <input type="checkbox"/>

Description of bird: Size, Colors, all field marks OBSERVED - Unique features of this bird, if any.

Smallish (swallow-sized) swifts w/ short (relative to white-throated) wings. The birds were distinctly grayish-black all over except for the throat and upper chest area which was noticeably frosty-grayish-white. The tail was squared and the flight style was "glittery"

Field marks which were not seen. Why not?

Vocalizations not heard
- either too far away, or
not calling or both

Variations from expected field marks.

NONE

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

White-throated Swift - aside from the bold black & white pattern, white-throats have extremely long, pointed wings where-as Vaux's and chimney have less pointed, shorter and more straightly held wings

Chimney - very similar to Vaux's but is rarer in Utah and is told at close range by its LACK of a pale or frosty throat. Although chimney is larger, size in the field, particularly under these conditions (~~is~~ no reliable comparisons) is useless,

Black - Much larger & even longer wings than white-throated (relative to size)
long, forked tail, no white in throat

Behavior of this bird. Include names of other birds with this one and any interaction.

flew with ~~swifts~~ swallows at a distance (ie - along the cliff) and above overhead.

Habitat this location and near by or adjacent habitat if significant.

Describe birds song or sounds.

Names of other observers. A/C + phone #

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What is your experience with this or similar birds?

Although my experience w/ Vaux's is limited, I've seen tremendous numbers of white-throated and chimney Swifts

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