

# TREE SWALLOW

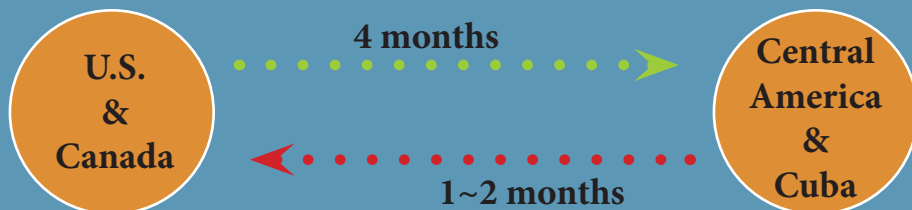
After breeding, Tree Swallows gather in large flocks to molt and migrate. Each night, just before sunset—they form dense, tornado-like flocks above marshes or small groves of trees before settling down to roost.

Although this swallow is one of the best-studied species in North America, we know very little about its migration or winter habits.



Tree Swallows dawdle during fall migration, taking up to 4 months to arrive in their wintering areas, whereas their spring migration lasts just 1 or 2 months.

At fall stopover sites in marshes, Tree Swallows feed on flying insects. Juvenile birds learn how to find and capture food.



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