

## Kootenay Bank Swallow Survey 2026 Data Sheet

Thank you for your interest in the Kootenay Bank Swallow Survey! Please provide as much information as you are able for colonies visited in 2026. If you have observations from previous years, you may include them as well. A separate form should be used for each colony.

### Instructions for participants.

1. Required information includes location, date, and number of burrows.
2. Breeding activity at Bank Swallow colonies is highest between late May and mid-July. A visit during this time should determine whether the colony is being used in the current year.
3. If only one visit is made, aim for the period between June 25 and July 15. This will provide the best count of the number of burrows in the colony.
4. Please take photos of the colony so that an accurate count of burrow numbers can be made. If the colony is large, include a photo of the whole site, and then additional images of each portion of the colony that will allow a count of all burrows present.

Observer's name(s) and contact information:

Site location (UTM, lat/long, or precise description)

Date of visit	# of burrows in the colony	Was # burrows counted, or estimated? (C/E)	# of adult birds observed	Young seen at burrow entrances? (Y/N)	Estimated # of active burrows <sup>A</sup> (June/July)
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Note A: Based on adults entering burrows or young observed at burrow entrances.

Were Northern Rough-winged Swallows (NRWS) present? Yes  ( No  ( Unsure  (

If "Yes", approximate number of NRWS observed:

**Optional information.**

Site name:

Site details (including notes on access, land ownership, etc.):

Habitat description:

Site history (year first discovered, fluctuations in numbers from year to year, etc.):

Site threats (Is the site an active quarry or construction zone?):

Additional comments:

Did you take photos? Yes  No

Please submit data sheets and photos by November 30<sup>th</sup> to [kootenaybankswallows@gmail.com](mailto:kootenaybankswallows@gmail.com) or to

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