

# Violet-green Swallow

*Tachycineta thalassina*

A beautiful swallow of open woodlands, the Violet-green Swallow is found only in the American West.

## Keys to Identification

### Adult Description

- Small slender songbird.
- White underneath and shiny greenish bronze on top.
- Face white.
- Small bill.
- Long wings.

### Immature Description

Juvenile sooty gray on back, underparts washed with gray, face dusky. Yearling female greenish on back with brownish on crown and rump.



Map by Cornell Lab of Ornithology  
Range data by NatureServe

## Cool Facts

A pair of Violet-green Swallows was observed assisting a pair of Western Bluebirds in raising young. The swallows guarded the nest and tended the bluebird nestlings, and after the bluebirds fledged, the swallows used the nest site for their own young.

## Measurements

### Both Sexes

- Length - 4.7 inches
- Wingspan - 10.6 inches
- Weight - 0.5 ounces