
New records of Pale-footed Swallow *Notiochelidon flavipes* in the Cordillera Central, Colombia

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La Golondrina Patipálida *Notiochelidon flavipes*, presenta muy pocos registros en Colombia, la mayoría provenientes de la parte central de la Cordillera Central de Colombia. Con motivo de la ejecución del Proyecto de Conservación Loro Orejiamarillo en ciertas áreas de los departamentos de Tolima, Quindío y Risaralda, durante junio de 1998 hasta marzo de 1999, se realizaron numerosas observaciones de esta especie que indican que la misma podría tratarse como localmente común, al menos temporalmente. El conocimiento de su vocalización permitió localizar los grupos con facilidad, en ocasiones entremezcladas con *N. murina* y *N. cyanoleuca*.

There are very few records of Pale-footed Swallow *Notiochelidon flavipes* in Colombia^{2,3,5}, the majority from the Volcán Tolima–Ruiz massif in the Cordillera Central, dptos Caldas, Tolima and Risaralda^{3,6}. During the Yellow-eared Parrot *Ognorhynchus icterotis* Conservation Project, conducted throughout the Volcán Tolima–Ruiz massif, in June 1998–March 1999, I made many observations of *N. flavipes*, indicating that it can be considered locally common, at least seasonally. Knowledge of the species' call permitted easy location of flocks of the species.

The species was recorded from the following locations:

- Four sites in the Río Toche valley, Municipio de Ibagué, dpto. Tolima: Finca la Selva (04°33'N 75°23'W; 2,500–2,800 m); a flock of 10 birds on 2 October 1998 at El Alto de Yerbabuenal (c.2,600 m), near Toche village; a flock of c.20 observed daily during 11–17 July 1998 and 16–20 August 1998 near Toche village; flocks of up to 10 on 25 September 1998, 24 January 1999 and 10 February 1999 at Hacienda La Carbonera (04° 32'N 75°28'W; 2,500–2,900 m).
- Reserva Natural Acaime (04°37'N 75°27'W; 2,750 m) within Reserva Natural Zona Alta Río Quindío, Municipio de Salento, dpto. Quindío; 12–13 December 1998, c.10 in a single-species flock.
- La Pastora (2,400 m), within the Reserva Regional Natural Ucumarí, Municipio de Pereira, Risaralda department; 3 birds on 23 March 1999.
- A large road cutting above Breña village (04°58'N 75°27'W; 2,700 m) on a track to Parque Nacional Los Nevados, which contains a breeding colony (15+ pairs) that appeared active in October 1997 (P. Salaman *et al.*).

Additional unpublished observations, in recent years, are from El Rancho (above Ibaqué, dpto. Tolima) and Reserva Río Blanco (Manizales, dpto. Caldas).

The species is often seen in flight with Blue-and-white Swallow *N. cyanoleuca* and occasionally Brown-bellied Swallow *N. murina*, but I have never seen them perched together. The species appears to be locally common throughout the Volcan Tolima–Ruiz massif at 2,300–3,000 m, being encountered especially frequently in the Río Toche valley.

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