



# Rare Bird Report Form

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If your record is **not** well-photographed, please fill out as many fields as possible, paying particular attention to the description section & identification sections. **For a well-photographed species only the basic details, marked in yellow, need completing** (if you would like to include additional written detail, feel free to do so). Check <http://www.uaebirding.com/report> for guidance on how to complete a report.

Please name files in the following format: **yyyy\_mm-dd\_Species\_Name** (e.g. 2011\_07-23\_Corys\_Shearwater)

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## Observation details

Species common name		Species Latin name (subspecies if known)			
Streak-throated Swallow		<i>Petrochelidon fluvicola</i>			
Number of birds:	2	Sex:		Age:	Adult
Date of observation (dd.mm.yyyy):	19.02.2013	Time of obs.:	11:30	Duration:	15 mins
Location:	Warsan Lakes, Dubai				
GPS coordinates (if site previously unknown):					
Weather / light conditions / wind:	Sunny, cool. Very little breeze.				
Optical equipment used:	Swarovski 8x32 EL bins	Distance to bird(s):	Down to 3m		

## Observer details

Main observer:	Mark Smiles & Oscar Campbell	E-mail:	Bluetail63@btinternet.com		
Date report written:	19.01.2013	Phone:			
Bird-watching since:	Ca 1979 (MS)	Address:			
Observer's bird-watching experience in Arabia:	MS since 2009, OC since 2006				
Observers experience of this (or similar) species:	MS - Saw 3 birds at Kharran WTP in 2011. OC – one at Al Warsan, January 2009.				
Co-observers:	Simon Lloyd				
Co-observer(s) experience of this species or similar:	Same 3 birds at Kharran in 2011				
Who initially made the identification:	M Smiles				

## Additional supporting documentation

EBRC would like to keep any submitted documentation for our files. If you have photos, please insert them at the end of this report by using the Word menu *Insert - Picture (Photo) - From File...*

Please note that EBRC may occasionally publish images received within a Rare Bird Report on its website or in its reports (where full credit would, of course, be given to the photographer). We welcome submission of images taken by other photographers (with prior consent). However, if you or the owner of any photograph submitted prefer for us not to do so, please put an **X** in the box below. Many thanks.

When pasting images, please **crop and resize the images first** if possible – but please **don't edit them in any other way**. It is rarely necessary to have an image larger than 500x400 pixels in a document (and you can always state "original images are available on request").

Where appropriate, please **limit your images to the most useful 4 – 5** shots of an individual bird. If you have a large number of images that you think might be useful, you can always add the phrase "more images are available on request". In general, 'easy' species (e.g. Black Stork, White-throated Kingfisher, Spur-winged Lapwing etc) only usually need one image to support the ID.

Documentation available [photo, video, sound recording, field notes etc]:	Sketch attached.	EBRC may NOT publish any image submitted in this report
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**Description**

<b>Circumstances of observation.</b> [Describe how the bird was found.]	Having completed the annual IWC waterbird count at the lake, we were walking back towards the exit having just seen a Red-rumped Swallow fly close by. As we walked along the top of the bund beside the "lower" lake, MS noticed a small hirundine with a chestnut cap flying towards us and immediately recognized it as a Streak-throated Swallow. OC got onto the bird almost immediately as it flew past and slightly below us at a distance of ca 5m. We watched the bird intermittently for 15 minutes, trying to follow its flight over the reeds around the lake. In doing so, OC realized there was a second bird, which we eventually confirmed after a few minutes.	
<b>Field description:</b> [General impression, size, shape, head, upperparts, underparts, tail, wings, bare parts, etc.]	Small martin-like hirundine with whitish underparts and darkish underwings. Upperwings and tail dark brownish, contrasting with iridescent greeny-blue mantle and chestnut cap. Throat dark. Some fine streaking noted on sides of breast. Noticeably smaller than accompanying Barn Swallow, lacking the tail streamers of that species, the tail being only lightly notched.	
<b>Call / song, if heard:</b>	n/a	
<b>Behaviour:</b>	Feeding back & forth low over reedbed with other hirundines. Flight action similar to Sand Martin.	
<b>Bird alone or in company with the following species:</b>	2 in mixed hirundine flock comprising ca 10 Barn Swallows, 1 Pale Crag Martin & 1 Red-rumped Swallow	
<b>How and when did you identify the bird?</b> [Immediately or after observing the bird for a while, by studying literature afterwards, etc]	Immediately	
<b>Reference books used to confirm identification:</b>	Bids of Middle East 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed (Porter & Aspinall)	
<b>Certainty of identification in % (e.g. 100%, 90% etc.):</b>	100%	
<b>Similar species:</b>	Barn Swallow, Wire-tailed Swallow, Brown-throated Martin	
<b>Which characters do you consider exclude similar species?</b>	From Barn Swallow by chestnut cap (and by direct comparison!) and from Wire-tailed by short tail and dark underwing & throat. From B-T Martin by bluish mantle & chestnut cap.	
<b>Sub-specific identification - short description:</b>	n/a	
<b>Age identification - short description:</b>	Presumed adults by chestnut, not brownish, cap.	
<b>Gender identification - short description:</b>	n/a	

**Photos:**

