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## **Swift Night Out August 10, 7:00 pm, Green Bay**

A Swift Night Out sounds interesting, but what is it? This bird tracking effort is actually a *continent-wide* program held to raise awareness and encourage interest in Chimney Swifts. As summer draws to a close and the swifts have finished raising their young, these awesome aerial acrobats begin to congregate in communal roosts prior to their migration in the fall. Some roosts may consist of an extended family group of a half dozen birds or so, but the larger sites can host hundreds or even thousands of swifts.

"Our volunteers in Green Bay have counted over 500 Swifts going down chimneys in a single night" stated Nancy Nabak, co-chair with Jim Johnson of the local Swift Night Out program. "With that many birds going in at once, it looks like a cyclone." Volunteers have monitored nearly 90 sites in the last 2 years.

On Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. volunteers will meet at the Neville Museum parking lot for their assignment of a specific chimney or chimneys to monitor at dusk. They will then head out and count the number of swifts that roost in the chimney. After the last counts are done, the group will meet up at Titledown Brewery for the final tabulation and a social gathering.

The results gathered will be recorded and sent to a statewide database as well as a national tracking database.

No experience is necessary, newcomers welcomed. If you'd like to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Swift Night Out, please contact Nancy Nabak at 920-655-4185 or [nnabak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nnabak@sbcglobal.net).

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