

# Manitoba Chimney Swift Initiative

The Chimney Swift is a threatened species in steep decline.  
Every effort is needed to maintain wild populations!

**Is there a fallen bird in your chimney fireplace?  
Immediately call: 204-803-1523**

## Stages of Development

<12 days old

~14 days old

~18 days old

~21 days old

~24 days old

~28 days old



**GOT SWIFTS? CALL:  
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**Fallen Chimney Swift nestlings need to be immediately returned  
to the chimney and the opening at the base of the chimney sealed.**

## HOW TO IDENTIFY A CHIMNEY SWIFT

- Small (13 cm) brownish-grey body, pale throat
- Short bill with a wide base, pointed tip, subtle curve
- Young chicks have prickly appearance from their pin feathers
- Stubby tail with tiny "spikes"\*
- As the chicks age, wings become longer and thinner & eventually cross at the tip

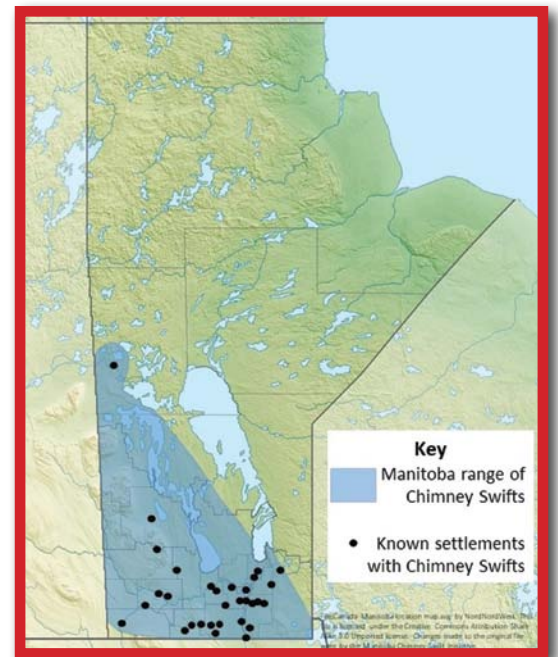


Photo: Stephanie Mazur



# WHAT IS A CHIMNEY SWIFT?

- Chimney Swifts nest and roost inside chimneys (May - August).
- Sparrows, starlings & pigeons occasionally fall down chimneys **BUT** Chimney Swifts make their home in the chimney!
- The Chimney Swift is a threatened species in steep decline.
- **Time is of the essence!** If a nestling has fallen, it is imperative that the parents hear them inside the chimney.
- **If you find a fallen swift, call for help.**



In Manitoba, Chimney Swifts range from Lac Du Bonnet, as far north and west as The Pas.

**Swift nest with egg and hatchlings**  
(viewed from above)



**Adult swift on nest**  
(viewed from above)



**Large chicks on chimney wall**  
(viewed from above)



Photos: Bruce Di Labio



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## BECOME A CHIMNEY SWIFT CHAMPION!

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