

## Heritage Ranking Form - State Rank

**Scientific Name:** *Cypseloides niger*

**Common Name:** Black Swift

**Classification:** Vertebrate Animal

**Heritage Rank:** **S2?B**

Rank Date: 2/16/2016

Comments: Nesting has not been confirmed in Oregon. Species is rare and restricted to cave-like habitat behind waterfalls. Threats unknown.

**Range Extent:** F = 20,000-200,000 sq km (~8,000-80,000 sq mi)

Comments: 20228 sq km.

**Population Size:** U = Unknown

Comments: Breeding population is difficult to determine; any observations of Black Swifts during the breeding season are assumed to be breeding animals.

**Number of Occurrences:** B = 6 - 20

Comments: 10 known nesting sites

**Area of Occupancy:** D = 6-25 4-km<sup>2</sup> grid cells

Comments: 12 grid squares of 4km<sup>2</sup>. based on known nest sites.

**Good Viability:** C = Few (4-12) occurrences with excellent or good viability or ecological integrity

Comments: 10 extant locations. There are 36 observations in PODS, but some of these may be misidentifications. Two sites in Oregon seem to reliably support black swifts. Nesting has not been confirmed, but is suspected.

**Environmental Sensitivity:** A = Very narrow. Specialist or community with key requirements scarce

Comments: Nests behind waterfalls.

**Short Term Trends:** U = Unknown

Comments: None

**Long Term Trends:** U = Unknown

Comments: None

**Threat Impact:** U = Unknown

Calculated Threat Comments: Breeding season records are too few for a meaningful assessment of possible threats to Black Swifts and more information is needed.

Assigned Threat Comments: None

**Intrinsic Vulnerability:** Not Evaluated

Comments: None

Rank Notes: Calculator Rank (unrevised)=S2. Nesting has not been confirmed in Oregon. Species is rare and restricted to cave-like habitat behind waterfalls. Threats unknown.

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