

Chimney Swift Cootie Catcher Craft

How well can you friends and family answer questions about Chimney Swifts? Test their knowledge with this cootie catcher craft.

Diet

How many insects can a single Chimney Swift eat in a day?
A single Chimney Swift can eat 100 insects every day including mosquitos and biting flies.

What group of birds do Chimney Swifts belong to because of their eating habits?
Aerial insectivores. As a group, aerial insectivores are in decline which could indicate that there is something wrong with their food supply.

Population

How much has the Chimney Swift population in Canada declined in the past 40 years?
The Chimney Swift's population has declined by 90%. Threatened Species under the Species at Risk Act.

Why are Chimney Swift populations in decline?
There are multiple factors influencing Chimney Swift population declines including the loss of available open chimneys, and a decrease in food.

Adaptations

What's special about a Chimney Swift's tail for its lifestyle?
A Chimney Swift has short bristles on its tail to help it cling to the inside of a chimney or hollow tree.

What kind of toe orientation do Chimney Swifts have?
Chimney Swifts have a parrprodactyl toe orientation. This means that all of their toes point forward and they cannot perch or walk on the ground.

Habitat

What kind of chimney do Chimney Swifts need?
Chimney Swifts need uncapped, unlined masonry (or brick) chimneys for nesting and roosting. They will not damage the chimney and they pose no known human health hazards.

How many Chimney Swifts nest in a single chimney?
While thousands of Chimney Swifts may roost in a chimney, only one set of parents will nest in a chimney.