



# Chimney Swift Habitat Preservation Project

The Chimney Swift is a small, threatened species of bird that flies from dawn to dusk in search of flying insects to eat. The Barrie Central Collegiate chimney provides important roosting and nesting habitat for Chimney Swifts from April to September each year. The Brereton Field Naturalists' Club, now known as Nature Barrie, has monitored Chimney Swifts at this site since 2011 as part of Ontario SwiftWatch, a program of Bird Studies Canada.

Through the cooperation of the developer of this site, HIP Developments Inc., the City of Barrie, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and Nature Barrie, this chimney will be preserved or recreated as part of the site redevelopment to ensure the continuation and protection of essential habitat for this fascinating aerial species.

For more information:

Link to **Nature Barrie video** of BCC chimney

Link to **Bird Studies Canada's Ontario Swift Watch** program

[www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/ai/chsw/](http://www.birdscanada.org/volunteer/ai/chsw/)

