

# Swallows, Swifts and Martins @ BirdLife Rustenburg

**Rustenburg** – Every day during the summer, swallows, swifts and martins fly around, gobbling up mosquitoes and flies. Even experienced birders struggle to differentiate between these bird species.

At this month's BirdLife Rustenburg meeting, Shaun McGillewie will give a presentation to make identification as simple as possible. The presentation will be supplemented by photographs to make the identification of these birds found in our area easier and more interesting.

The meeting will take place at 19:00 on Monday, 15 October, at the Methodist Church on the corner of Brink and Schuurman Street. All members and non-members are welcome; non-members pay R20 per person. Tea, coffee and snacks will be served

after the meeting.

This month there will be no Saturday outing as many club members are going to Limpopo Lodge on the Botswana border. Special birds that might be seen are the Pel's Fishing Owl, Verreaux's Eagle-Owl, Boulder Chat and Three-banded Courser. Unfortunately, this outing is fully booked but the members participating will report back at the next meeting.

Feel free to contact our chairperson, Shaun McGillewie, on 083 702 1462 should you wish to learn more about BirdLife Rustenburg and would like to attend our events. If you need help with identification of a bird, a picture will help, contact Shaun.



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Lesser Striped Swallow. Photo: Hanti Mathews

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