

## **Barn Swallows - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired**

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

*[Host walking towards the camera in a field]*

In a barn, under a bridge, or even on a house, if you're in Canada between April and November, there may be barn swallows nesting nearby on a man-made structure. Barn swallows migrate to Central and South America during the winter, but they return each year to nest.

*[Barn swallows flying to their nests]*

They are acrobatic flyers with long, streamlined wings. They can even catch insects and drink water while flying.

*[Barn swallows flying over a river]*

They're also skilled builders. Mating pairs will make over 1,000 trips to and from their nesting site carrying mud pellets. Many pairs return to use the same nest each season where they raise up their two clutches of young per year.

*[Barn swallows nest with fledgings in it]*

Swallows need open areas, such as parks or fields, to forage for insects. When pesticides, climate change, and other disturbances threaten these resources, it can be difficult for swallows to survive.

You can help by providing nesting sites and by using natural gardening products. And that's just a start.

*[Host in front of the camera]*

To learn more about barn swallows, visit [hww.ca](http://hww.ca).