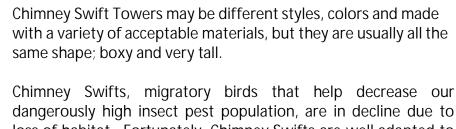


New to North Carolina -- Chimney Swift Tower Grant

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Chimney Swifts, migratory birds that help decrease our dangerously high insect pest population, are in decline due to loss of habitat. Fortunately, Chimney Swifts are well adapted to man-made structures, so it is possible to create nesting habitat specifically for Swifts. If you are a member of an environmentally active group, an individual environment enthusiast, a WRNC member or nonmember, you may want to construct and maintain a Chimney Swift tower in your area to encourage Chimney Swifts, acrobatic insectivores who vacuum the sky at dawn and dusk, to return to your community each year.

Wildlife Rehabilitators of North Carolina, Inc. (WRNC) would like to help. Our organization is offering a \$300.00 grant to assist you or your group to undertake this valuable conservation project.

During our 2008 WRNC Symposium, held in January at Raleigh, three Chimney Swift Tower grants were awarded to organizations throughout the state. Next year we will award three more. If you are interested in applying for a grant, please access our website at www.ncwildliferehab.org to view the requirements and print an application.



Steve S. completed this tower in the Spring of 2007 for "Wild For Life" near Asheville, NC, before the WRNC grant program was implemented.



This 12 ft Chimney Swift tower is new to the Stump Sound, Chadwick Bay area of Sneads Ferry, NC. The couple who built the tower became motivated to provide habitat for Chimney Swifts after reading about WRNC's grant program in the Jacksonville Daily News.