

Directions: Fill in the correct blanks

The purple martin is the largest swallow in North America. Being the largest species of swallow, however, doesn't mean its large compared to other birds. At about seven inches in length, the purple martin is a little smaller than a cardinal. Males are _____ glossy blue or purple and appear black _____ viewed up close. Males _____ their purple _____ after their second year. Females are dusky grayish purple with white underparts. Both males and females have _____ forked tails. These birds are powerful and _____ flyers and spiral in all directions in pursuit of flying insects such as moths and dragonflies. Hunting martins engage in spectacular aerial _____ that delight those who are lucky enough to _____ them. They often chatter, squeak, and squawk in flight.

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