

6 .Extreme Form

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)

Attribute - Tell-tale

Why should the tail be such a symbol of Superiority? It seems that there comes a point when a long tail is an encumbrance to the bird. Males that grow them are showing that they have what it takes to survive against such odds.

6.4 Sexiest Tail

EXTREME BIRDS

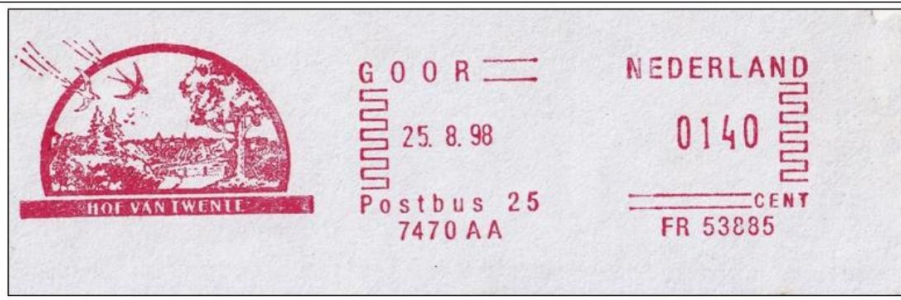
Geographical Distribution - Worldwide



Meter Franking depicting the stylized Swallow Bird as Branding of a merchandize, dated 18.07.1984



Meter Franking depicting the Swallow Bird flaunting its tail during its flight in its natural habitat, dated 18.07.1984



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Birds shown are

Gosling's Bunting (*Emberiza goslingi*)

Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)



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It is a powerful statement of their health and fitness.

Best male birds have the longest and most symmetrical tails. There are plenty of birds that attempt to impress potential mates with their tails.



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