

Swifts Local Network

How YOU can help swifts

You can attract Swifts into nest boxes anywhere by playing attraction calls.

There do not have to be nesting Swifts in the near vicinity.

Below are 6 easy steps to putting a nest box and call system on, or in, your house, church, school or village hall.

1. Find a spot on a wall which is at least 5m (minimum 4m) off the ground.
2. If boxes are placed on a south-facing wall, then make sure they are shaded from the sun, and painted white to avoid over-heating. Check that the flight path is clear of obstructions, such as trees.
3. Make sure there is no route – such as ivy - into the box from below or the side for a predator to gain access.
4. Make or buy boxes for at least two pairs – google ‘swift boxes’ for commercial and DIY options.
5. Buy a swift attraction call system: see <http://tinyurl.com/swiftcalls> for more details and advice on when to use.
6. Put up boxes by early May for displaced breeders and by late May/early June for prospecting new birds. Don't forget to test the sound system.

**Swifts usually investigate first during one season,
and then return to nest the year after.**

For more information about **anything** to do with swifts visit:

❖ Swift Conservation - www.swift-conservation.org

❖ Action for Swifts - actionforswifts.blogspot.co.uk

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