

Save our Swifts!

Swifts spend most of their lives on the wing, only landing to nest and raise young. They arrive in the UK in May to breed, nesting high on buildings, often under the eaves, leaving in August to return to southern Africa. The number arriving in the UK declined by 47% 1995-2014. In Bromley numbers recorded are now very low. Reasons for the decline include loss of nest sites, less insect food & changing climate. Listen for their screaming cries and look for their crescent shapes as they fly high above us, often in groups, feeding on flying insects and spiders. If they are flying at roof level they may be looking for nest sites. Please let us know if you see any & if they are nesting near you.



E-mail the date, place (postcode or grid reference), number and how high they were flying to Bromley Biodiversity Partnership at bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com Your information will enable local targeted habitat improvements

How You Can Help Swifts:

- Put up swift boxes
- Ask for swift bricks to be included in new builds or roofing works
- Be careful not to disturb existing nests .
- If swifts are present do not work on walls or roofs May-August
- For more information about swifts see: www.swift-conservation.org

Bromley Biodiversity Partnership is a partnership of local groups, organisations and individuals with specific expertise committed to protecting, enhancing and celebrating biodiversity within the London Borough of Bromley.