

SAVE OUR SWIFTS!

Swifts can live up to 19 years and 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. They leave in August to return to southern Africa, but the number arriving in the UK declined by 47% 1995-2014 and in Bromley numbers recorded are now very low. Reasons for the decline include loss of nest sites, reduction in insect food, and changing climate. Listen for their screaming cries and look for their crescent shapes as they fly at great speed high above us, feeding on small flying insects and spiders. They often fly in groups. Please let us know if you see one!



E-mail the date, place (postcode or grid reference) and number seen 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
- Be careful not to disturb existing nests
- If swifts are present do not work on walls or roofs May-August
- For more information see www.swift-conservation.org