



## Swift Survey of Offaly

### Towns & Villages

**This summer we are looking for your help to find Swift nest site locations in towns and villages across Co. Offaly.**

Swifts are an enchanting species, migrating to Ireland each summer from Africa. A bird of the skies, they live much of their lives in the air, only ever touching down for a couple of months each summer to nest in buildings, generally in urban areas. Sadly, Swift numbers are in decline and they urgently need our help. We need to know where they are nesting, so that we can put in place better measures to protect their important nesting colonies.

To help save your local Swifts, follow these simple steps:

- 1) Learn how to identify Swifts, Swallows and Martins by watching the BirdWatch Ireland video [Ireland's Special Swifts](#)
- 2) Enter your Swift sightings and nest site records to the BirdWatch Ireland [Swift Survey](#)
- 3) Sign up to do a more comprehensive Swift survey of your local town or village in Co. Offaly. To take part, select a town or village to survey by entering your details [here](#)
- 4) Learn more about surveying Swifts with our page on [Swift Survey Tips](#)

Additional information:

- For more information on Swifts and for details of upcoming events see our [Swift Webpage](#)
- Follow our BirdWatch Ireland Swift Blog for latest news and project updates - [Life on the Wing](#)
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