Please complete this form as fully as possible, adding any general comments you wish. If you want to be contacted about future surveys, please add your name and address. Completed forms should be returned to: Stephen Corcoran, the Cairngorms LBAP	
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Officer, 14 The Square

Grantown-on-Spey, Moray, PH26 3HG. Thank you for your help.

This information may be stored on a database and will be used by the Cairngorms LBAP for wildlife conservation and management.

When did you first see swifts arrive?	Date	Location	When was your last sighting of swifts?	Date	Location
General Comments	īts				

### Cairngorms Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)

This plan is a long term initiative, involving many different partners, that seeks to deliver actions for biodiversity. All the habitats and species of the Angus Glens, Badenoch & Strathspey, Atholl & Glenshee, Upper Deeside, Strathdon and Glenlivet are covered within the Cairngorms LBAP.

### Further Information and Contacts

For more information on nest boxes, swift friendly building techniques and swifts in general, please visit the following websites: www.concernforswifts.com Tel: 0141 554 8262 www.londons-swifts.org.uk

If you wish to speak to someone about the Cairngorms Swifts Nest Survey, please contact: Stephen Corcoran, the Cairngorms LBAP Officer, 14 The Square, Grantown-on-Spey, Moray, PH26 3HG Tel: 01479 870 528 email: stephencorcoran@cairngorms.co.uk www.cairngorms.co.uk

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# Cairngorms Swifts Nest Survey

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Swifts are amazing, beautiful birds. However, this dramatic summer bird is in danger of disappearing from our skies.

The latest figures from the British Trust for Ornithology indicate a 62% decline in the Scottish swift population from 1994 to 2003. The most likely cause of this decline is the loss of nest sites through the refurbishment of old buildings and new building design.

With your help, the Cairngorms Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) can work towards halting - even reversing - the decline of swifts in the Cairngorms area...

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### How You Can Help

## Make Your Home Swift Friendly



Many modern buildings and renovation schemes offer opportunities for creating in-built nest cavities or nest boxes. Making a place for swifts costs little, does not imperil the structure, preserves the bird from extinction and contributes much to our environment and quality of life.

So if swifts don't nest in your building, why not create a home for them? There are a variety of nest boxes that can be installed in or outside your house.

If swifts already nest in your home, please note where they nest and avoid any building work that will block or remove their nesting sites.

### Swifts Nest Survey

By getting involved in the Cairngorms LBAP Swifts Nest Survey, and completing the attached form, you can help contribute to

safeguarding swift populations in UNDER the Cairngorms for future generations to marvel at. IN HOURS IN WALLS



### Swift Facts

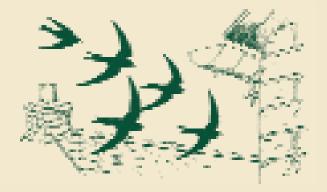
Swifts are supreme fliers. They spend almost all their life on the wing, mating and sleeping in the air and only landing to breed.

They are plain, sooty brown in colour, with large sickle shaped wings, a short, forked tail and are bigger than martins or swallows.



Swifts arrive in the Cairngorms in mid-May and stay for just three months. Then they migrate back to Central and Southern Africa.

Fully protected by UK law, swifts do no harm and make very little mess. They eat only flying insects, catching as many as 40,000 every day.



On warm summer evenings, local swifts will gather in wild 'screaming' parties, chasing around the buildings where they nest.

Swifts are naturally cave, tree-hole and cliff nesters but most have switched their nesting to man-made structures, under roof tiles, in the eaves and in lofts.



# When and Where to Look Swifts Nest Survey

The best time to look for swifts is in the morning before 9am and in the evening, a few hours before dusk. Fair weather is best. found anywhere, in buildings or in natural features and you will need to look very closely to spot their nest sites. Swifts may be

Screaming parties yes/no					
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Number of nest sites					
Grid reference (optional)					
Location - please be as accurate as possible (house number, street, postcode, building type)					
Date and time					