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Conference Programme

This is an update (18/3/2014) of the conference programme. We do not expect many changes now. If any speaker would like their information to be modified please [contact us](#).

Details of the parallel RSPB workshop are included at the bottom.

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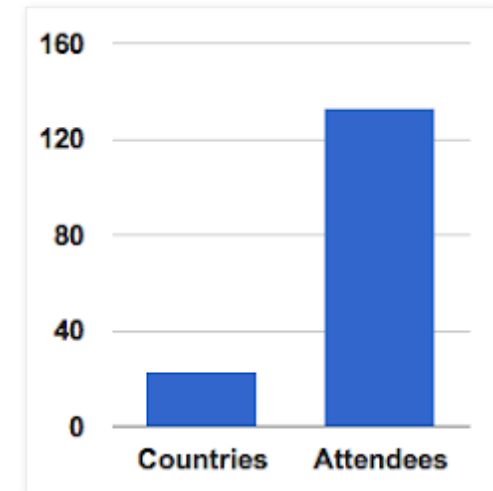
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Day 1: Tuesday 8th April		
09:30 - 12:30		
Edward Mayer	Swift Conservation, England	Welcome address
Life cycle and migration studies		
Anders Hedenström	Lund University, Sweden	The flight of Swifts as revealed by wind tunnel studies
Luit Buurma	Lisserbroek, The Netherlands	The nocturnal activities of Common Swifts
Break		
Ginny Carvisiglia	London, England	Do weather conditions affect the reproductive success of nesting swifts? A pilot study of one pair of swifts over a 2 year period
Susanne Åkesson	CAnMove, Dept of Biology, Lund University, Sweden	Tracking migrating common swifts across continents from Europe to Africa
Chris Hewson	British Trust for Ornithology, England	Common Swift stopover sites in west Africa, including commonalities with other tracked species, such as cuckoos and nightjars
Lunch		
DAY 1 13:30 - 17:30		
New world (and other) swifts		
Lyndon Kearsley	Antwerp, Belgium	Iberian Pallid Swifts in winter: new insights.
Christoph Meier	Swiss Ornithological Institute, Sempach, Switzerland	The influence of weather on parental care in an aerial feeder – How does Alpine Swift react in bad weather?
Célia Dias & Lidia Mermoud	SOS Uccelli Selvatici, Switzerland	Conservation and study of the Alpine Swift colony of the bell tower of Locarno Switzerland
Carolyn Gunn	Colorado Parks and Wildlife, United States	Northern Black Swift <i>Cypseloides niger</i> Research – Past Present and Future
Break		
Kristyn Richardson	Bird Studies, Canada	Chimney Swift studies in Canada.
Larry Schwitters	Audubon, United States	Vaux's happening - a study of a north American Swift
Renata Biancalana	Universidade Presbiteriana	Swift Conservation from a South American

	Mackenzie, São Paulo, Brazil	Perspective - a study of neotropical swifts
Charles Collins	California State University, United States	Swift prey types and sizes
Dick Newell	Action for Swifts, England	Film: from BBC program Urban Jungle about Swifts in Cambridgeshire
		To be followed by an optional 20 minute walk to the Cambridge Swift Tower
Day 2: Wednesday 9th April 09:00 - 12:30		Swift conservation projects - sessions for architects & planners
Laura Nicholls & Stephanie Morren	RSPB, England	The RSPB swift inventory
John Day	RSPB, England	RSPB policy and progress to date in the South West
Edward Mayer	Swift Conservation, England	The UK housing crisis - an opportunity for Swifts
Chris Mason	Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project, England	Conserving Swifts in the community
Anar Guliyev	State Historical-Architectural Reserve, Azerbaijan	The Maiden Tower and swift conservation
		Break
Rob Mungovan	South Cambs District Council, England	Fulbourn Swift mitigation project
Carol Williams	Bat Conservation Trust, England	Designing for Biodiversity: The RIBA book
Francisco Javier Sáez Frayssinet	Foro Biodiversidad Segovia, Spain	Protecting swifts and other birds during maintenance and rebuilding works in Segovia
Denisa Löbbová	Slovak Bat Conservation Society, Slovakia	Helping Swifts to survive in Slovakia : Building insulation and Swift survival
		Lunch
DAY 2 13:30 - 17:30		Nest boxing and conservation projects
Lukáš Viktora	Czech Society for Ornithology, Czech Republic	Swift Schools in the Czech Republic
Peta Sams	Ludlow Swift Group, England	Swifts and the Town Hall – the Bishop's Castle Project
Tim Collins	North Luffenham, Rutland,	A new swift colony - lessons from the first

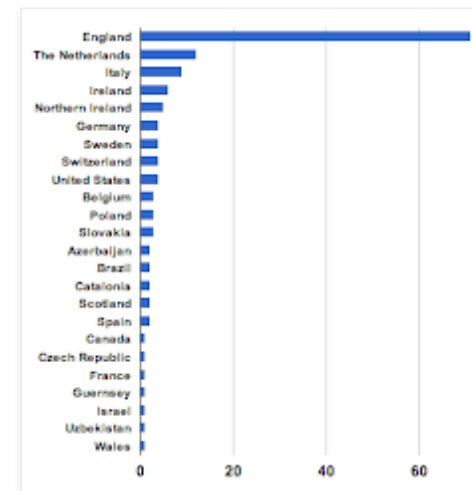
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- [Swift Conservation](#)
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Attendees



Countries

	England	10 years
Tanya Hoare	Manchester, England	Renovating our roof, maintaining existing and creating new nest sites in the eaves
		Break
Susanne Salinger	Berlin/BUND/Mauerseglernetzwerk, Germany	Swift nest sites
Vic Froome	La Société Guernesaise, Guernsey	Swift conservation projects in Guernsey
Lynda Huxley	Swift Conservation Ireland, Ireland	Swift projects in Co. Mayo, Ireland
Kazimierz Walasz	Malopolska Ornithological Society, Poland	Swift preservation in south-eastern Poland during the last seven years
Dawid Zyskowski	Green Federation GAJA/Szczecin, Poland	Current state of protection of swifts in Poland
		Dinner at Caius College (for those who have booked)
DAY 3: Thursday 10th April 09:00 - 12:30		Swifts in the arts
Charles Foster	University of Oxford, England	The Swift as a literary icon
Jonathan Pomroy	Wildlife Artist, England	Swifts: an appreciation using my own sketches
		Swift Welfare
Stefano Pesaro	Official Veterinarian, Liberi di volare/Trieste, Italy	Study of dystrophic feathers observed in Common Swift <i>Apus apus</i>
Gillian Westray	Private rehabilitator, England	Various aspects of handling swifts, including the hazards vs. benefits of ringing adult birds
		Break
Enric Fusté	Falcionegre.com, Catalonia	Looking for an optimal hand-rearing swift protocol
Elena Abdullaeva & Pavel Karabaev (presented by Jake Allsop)	Tashkent	Swift Rescue Initiative in Uzbekistan
Oleg Kashkarov	Uzbekistan Society for the Protection of Birds (UzSPB), Uzbekistan	Update on Bird Protection in Uzbekistan



		Lunch
DAY 3 13:30 - 17:00		Population monitoring
Hayley Sherwin	RSPB, Northern Ireland	The Belfast Swift survey
Hein Verkade	Noordwijk, The Netherlands	22 years of monitoring nest entrances of Common Swifts in Noordwijk
Will Peach	RSPB, England	Point counts: a methodology for indexing the relative abundance of breeding swifts.
Evert Pellenkoff	Amsterdam Swift Conservation Group, The Netherlands	Is it possible to get an agreeable estimate of swift numbers? Some views on counting swifts in the Netherlands
Amnonn Hahn	Friends of the Swifts, Israel	A Swift way for peace
		Break
		Panel discussion
		Wrap up

Workshop

On Wednesday afternoon, 9th April there is a parallel workshop, organised by the RSPB.

There may be some places available for conference delegates who would like to attend. No additional charge.

13:30 Stephanie Morren Welcome & Introduction

13:35 Stephanie Morren Icebreaker (group work)

13:50 John Day & Laura Nicholls

14:10 Edward Mayer, John Day, Carol Williams et al

14:45 Edward Mayer et al Exercise (group work)

15:30 Coffee break

15:50 Edward Mayer et al Feedback (from groups)

16:35 Edward Mayer et al Question & Answer session

16:50 John Day & Lyndon Parker

17:30 Depart

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