



SWIFT, SWALLOW OR HOUSE MARTIN?!

Swifts, Swallows and House Martins are all Summer visitors to the UK, and can look really similar, especially when flying. Look out for these features to help tell them apart.

SWIFT

Dark greyish feathers on most of body

Listen for loud 'screaming' calls

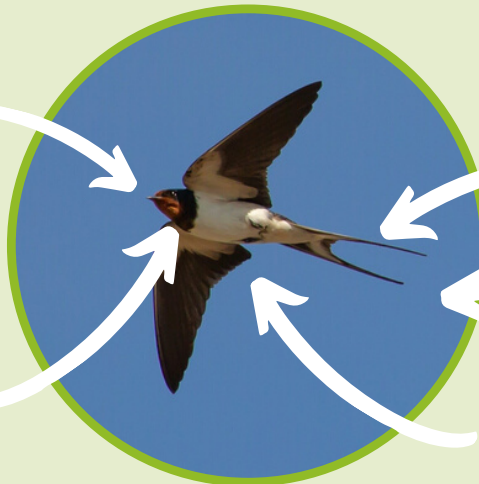


Forked tail normally held straight back

SWALLOW

Red throat'

Dark 'chest band'



Long tail 'steamers'

White underside

Chatter, twittering song

HOUSE MARTIN

White underside and white rump when viewed from above

Short, forked tail



Chatter, twittering song

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Don't forget to let us know what you've seen!