

Retrapping Adults for Survival



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The Retrapping Adults for Survival scheme encourages ringers to recapture as many breeding adults as possible within their defined study area. This focussed effort allows us to analyse trends in survival in species not well monitored by more general ringing.

Recent RAS analyses show:

- Overwinter survival of Sand Martins and Swallows is related to rainfall on the wintering grounds.
- The hardest time of year for Blackbirds is late spring when birds are setting up territories and food resources are at their lowest.



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