

Retrapping Adults



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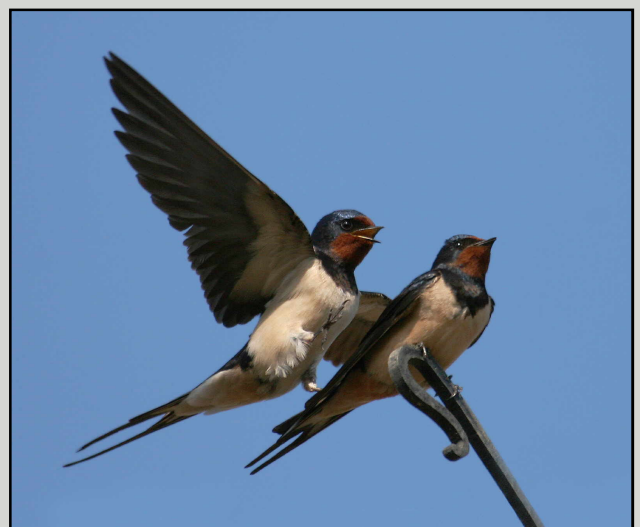


Pied Flycatcher (John Harding)

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.



Swallow (Jill Pakenham)

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