



## INSTALLING AND USING SWIFT ATTRACTION CALLS

Thank you for buying this kit, which is used for playing swift attraction calls and has been put together at cost price. It is ready for you to use. Included in it are the following:

- Tweeter (the small speaker fixed to the nest box)
- Micro amplifier in perforated plastic housing
- Micro SD (TF) card with an hour of pre-loaded swift calls (already plugged into the amplifier)
- USB Power supply and cable

Also included in the kit is the appropriate length of audio cable to connect the speaker to the amplifier.

**NOT INCLUDED:** a 24-hour plug-in time controller, which you may want to use so that you don't have to remember to turn the calls on and off each day.



### Why use the kit?

On the memory card are recordings of real swifts defending their nests. When swifts are searching for somewhere to nest, they will be more likely to come and investigate your box if they hear these calls. Playing calls *doesn't guarantee* swifts will nest but greatly improves your chances.

### How and when to play the calls:

- **From when our swifts arrive in late April/early May: watch email/website/Facebook for news**
- **Until the end of July**
- **Every day if possible: playing sounds consistently helps. If raining, calls can be paused**
- **Minimum: 2 hours a day: 7am-9am ideal**
- **Medium: 2 hours morning and evening: 7am-9am and 6pm-8pm ideal**
- **Optimal: dawn to dusk**
- **If the caller is not switched on and you see/hear swifts nearby switch it on or over-ride the time switch**

The recordings on the memory card are a varied set of different swift calls with pauses between some tracks. Play calls as loud as possible and for as long as possible, subject to not annoying anyone. Most people are unaware that these are anything other than actual swifts calling.

When researched, swift calls played loudly, all day and consistently right through the three-month swift season resulted in 80% of boxes acquiring new occupants.

Continued use of the calls does not disturb swifts already nesting in the box and can help to attract further breeding pairs to adjacent boxes.

### How to use the kit:

Plug into a power socket (or into a time controller if you wish, set to the time period of your choosing). Turn on the power and you should hear the calls.

**To adjust the volume** to a level that sounds like ambient bird calls, remove the cover of the amplifier housing and carefully lift out the circuit board to reveal the push-button controls as shown overleaf. Locate the Prev/V-- and the Next/V++ buttons and press and hold the desired one for about 2 seconds to adjust as required. Note that the control board etc. runs on 5 volts and is perfectly safe to handle when switched on.

The amp has been set up to repeat the calls on an endless loop. We advise that when you first plug in the amp, after an initial hour check that the calls are continuing to play on repeat. If not, press the **Repeat** button twice. Then test for another hour. Any problems, get in touch.

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