

Title: Five is one too many – observations on two breeding pairs of the Common Swift
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Common Swifts are believed to return to the nestbox which they occupied the year before. But what if there is already another bird present? Or even a breeding pair with nestlings in this nestbox? And then the intruder wins the fight? This happened in one nestbox in Switzerland in 2020. How does such a takeover affect the partner's behaviour? Or the fledging success of the chicks?

This presentation is a review of this previously unknown situation in two Common Swift families recorded using a camera inside the nestboxes.



References.

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