When do swifts mate? Rick Wortelboer¹

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The digitalization of bird observation enables us to study birds up close. Nest cameras and video capture equipment are such tools that are used for studying the swift nesting behaviour during the breeding season. One such behaviour is the mating of swifts. Stories tell us that swifts can do everything in the air, from eating to sleeping, and even mating. In this study we will present more detailed information on the mating of swifts, as observed from many hours of video footage.



Three young swifts on their nest as observed by digital observation through a camera.