

Title: First evidence on the presence of the Pallid swift (*Apus pallidus*) in the Marche region (central Italy).

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The city of Ancona, located along the Italian coast of the middle Adriatic, holds the highest number of Pallid swift (*Apus pallidus*) in the Marche region<sup>a,b</sup>, with an estimate of 50 breeding pairs.

However, recent inspections have confirmed the nesting of the species also in the coastal area to the north of the region (city of Pesaro), while sporadic observations indicate its probable presence in coastal cities further south (city of Porto San Giorgio).

These first evidence can be considered an interesting foreword for carrying out a more in-depth investigation on the distribution of the Pallid swift in the Marche region, not only along the coast but also in the urban centers of the hinterland, as has been observed in other Italian regions<sup>c,d</sup>, to date not investigated at all under this aspect.

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