



Job Vacancies: Swift Fieldworkers (pending successful funding applications)

- South County Dublin (full time)
- Buncrana and Letterkenny, Co. Donegal (part time, likely 3 days/week)
- Enniscorthy and New Ross, Co. Wexford (part time, likely 3 days/week)

Background

BirdWatch Ireland is Ireland's largest conservation charity concerned with the protection of birds and biodiversity. A key part of our conservation work in the urban environment has been to survey and carry out conservation actions for breeding Swifts in collaboration with local county councils and community groups.

In Ireland Swifts are Red listed on the Birds of Conservation Concern, due to declines in their breeding population. Within Europe they are now classified as "Near Threatened" with extinction.

The County Swift Projects aim to record and quantify the level of Swift nesting activity in selected towns and villages. It will identify where nesting Swift populations are found and highlight where urgent conservation action is needed. The survey team will make a special effort to include local community groups and residents in the project, to help establish a local network of Swift champions in each area.

Job Description

- Carry out surveys of Swifts in selected towns/villages to locate Swift populations and nest sites, inputting all data when in the field to the Swift survey portal.
- Identify suitable locations for Swift nest box and brick projects.
- Establish connections and liaise with individuals and community groups to help establish a network of local Swift champions.
- Assist with the completion of interim and final reports.
- Assist with and carry out where applicable, Swift events such as walks and/or presentations.

Duration

Contracts will run from mid-June to mid/end of August 2026.

Pay

Salary will be determined following confirmation of funding.

Requirements

The skills and attributes outlined below are desirable and the applicants should tailor their application forms to highlight their experience in these areas:

- A degree in biology or related discipline or previous proven experience working on conservation projects/ecological surveys.
- Experience carrying out bird or wildlife surveys according to standardised methodology.
- Experience liaising with or working with community groups.
- Experience carrying out presentations or workshops.
- Ability to compile data, analyse results and write reports.
- Experience using Microsoft Excel and ArcGIS/QGIS.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including early morning and / or late evenings and weekends, on occasion.
- A full driver's licence and business car insurance.

How to Apply

Please download and complete a BirdWatch Ireland application form [here](#).

Closing date for applications: **Sunday 26th April 2026**.

Applications, or queries, can be emailed to recruitment@birdwatchireland.ie