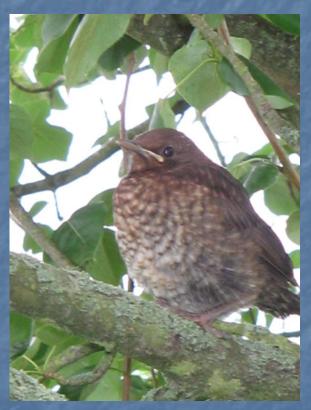
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Residential homes biodiversity project.

Work with Tayside BAP.

HOSPITALS, SHELTERED HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL COMPLEXES ACTION PLAN



Tayside Biodiversity
The Variety of Life



Muirton House, Blairgowrie.

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- Talk to residents about wildlife & grounds & what they would like to see.
- Biodiversity management plan then produced.



Muirton House biodiversity plan.

- Wild flower meadow (using plugs).
- Nest boxes & feeders.
- Binoculars & ID guides.
- Mini-orchard.
- Sensory garden.
- Insect homes.
- Pond.



Success with SITA application!

Location for orchard & wild flower meadow.



Community planting day.









Kincarrathie House, Perth.





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Kincarrathie biodiversity plan.

- Wild flower meadows/ circles in visible area
- Nest boxes sparrow, tit, treecreeper, owl & swift
- House martin nesting cups
- Binoculars & ID guides
- Old Scottish varieties orchard & training
- Bees
- Insect homes



Big Garden Birdwatch.



Achievements so far....



Speedy action to bring back swifts

By Denis Brown

plan to boost dwindling numbers of swifts nesting at

Perth grounds.
Gardeners Tommy Dick, Susie
Eisner and Stuart Alston, are using a SITA Tayside Biodiversity Action Fund grant to combat the plum-meting Scottish bird population in the gardens of Kincarrathie House

Residential Home.
According to the British Trust for Ornithology, there has been a 62 per cent decline in swifts visiting our shores between 1994 and 2003, mainly due to an increasing scarcity of nesting and feeding sites.

summer nights, is no longer a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

Taking off from central and south-ern Africa, the high-flying birds ar-rive here in early May, then have just While the swifts remain a

part of a wider biodiversity strategy targeting birds and bees developed in conjunction with PKC countryside ranger Daniele Muir and the Tayside iodiversity Partnership.

action plan that aims to maximise wildlife diversity in the grounds of hospitals, sheltered housing and res-

idential complexes.

Research shows environmental factors improve the well-being of res-



of nesting and feeding sites.

As a result, the spectacle of numerous swifts engaging in 'screaming parties' above Kincarrathie

House and adjacent Docot Park on carrathie House gardeners Susie Eisner and Stuart Alston, prepares to install the swift nesting boxes.

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until August to raise up to three
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under roof eaves or holes in walls - species like cornflowers, corn human activity has inadvertently marigolds, ox eye daisies and pop-

The green-fingered crew have also residents."

erected 12 bird boxes for blue tits,

supportive of the project and the 44 residents are loving it," she said.

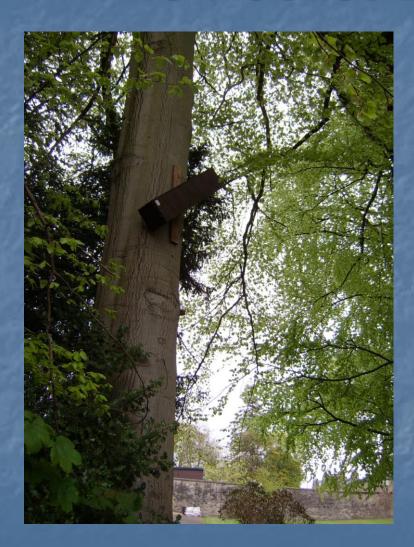
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Plus details in newsletter





The Rocket Launcher.





Nest boxes already in use.





What next?

Bees & trees!





Voles & orchard (old Scottish varieties).



ID guides & binoculars.





Future projects....

Balhousie Care Home Blairgowrie.



