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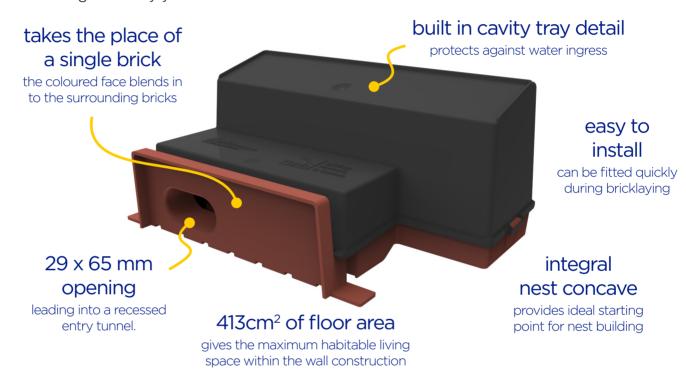
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## swift nesting brick

## providing a safe, habitable space for the UK's swifts

Modern building practices have greatly improved the quality of new homes in the UK, however not to the benefit of everyone. Bird species such as swifts have occupied cracks and crevices in our buildings for thousands of years, but the improved standard and style of modern construction has put their survival in our towns and cities at risk.

These popular birds come to the UK for three months during the summer to raise their young and can be seen on warm evenings giving spectacular displays. They eat large quantities of insect pests and spiders. They prefer nesting in small groups but the population has been dwindling for many years as suitable nest sites have become scarcer.





The all new Manthorpe Swift Brick has been developed in conjunction with major house builders and conservation experts to provide a safe, spacious and habitable area to allow swifts to nest within the well built construction of modern houses.

Product Reference	Colour	Entrance Size	Box Qty
GSWB-TR	Terracotta	29mm x 65mm	2
GSWB-AR	Antique Red	29mm x 65mm	2
GSWB-BF	Buff	29mm x 65mm	2
GSWB-GR	Grey	29mm x 65mm	2
GSWB-BL	Black	29mm x 65mm	2
GSWB-WH	White	29mm x 65mm	2



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## swifts are amazing!

how much do you know about our summer visitors?

- Swifts are one of the last of our summer migrants to arrive in the UK and are the first to leave (staying for around 3 months).
- They typically spend much of the winter time in the Congo, with a brief visit to Mozambique around Christmas.
- They have been recorded flying at an astonishing 69mph!



- The only time they land is when they return to the UK to nest.
- The young take 4-5 years to mature during which they never land.
- To build up strength in their flight muscles before leaving the nest, young birds use their wings to do "press-ups" in the nest.
- They have very short, stubby legs their scientific name apus apus means no legs.
- They weigh about 44 grams (just under the weight of 4 £2 coins).
- Swifts are entirely reliant on buildings in which to nest, but they are very clean, quiet house-guests and should not be confused with other birds that nest in or on buildings:
  - They do not leave lots of mess down walls and windows (starlings, pigeons, house martins)
  - They do not scrabble around above ceilings squawking (starlings)
  - They do not build a mud cup under the eaves of houses (house martins)
  - They do not build a mud cup on the rafters inside a barn or other out-building (swallows)



For even more amazing facts about swifts, for further information on how to help these enigmatic birds and to participate in an online swift inventory, please visit www.rspb.org.uk/helpswifts





