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Riparia riparia

Common name

Hirondelle de rivage (bank swallow in English)

Description

The Bank Swallow is the only brown-backed swallow and she is smaller than the Barn Swallow. She has a short, shallow tail and a brown pectoral band which contrasts with its white throat and underparts.

Migrateur ?

Yes, they migrate to Africa in the southern Sahel.

Lieu d'habitat

She lives in natural wetlands (rivers, coastal cliffs) or artificial wetlands (sand quarries).

She make her nest in a cliff or on the bank of a river.

Population estimée en Europe

Between 5.4 and 9.5 million couples

Population dans la Drôme

Around 293 occupied nests in 2021.

Lieu d'observation

By the river of Dieulefit.

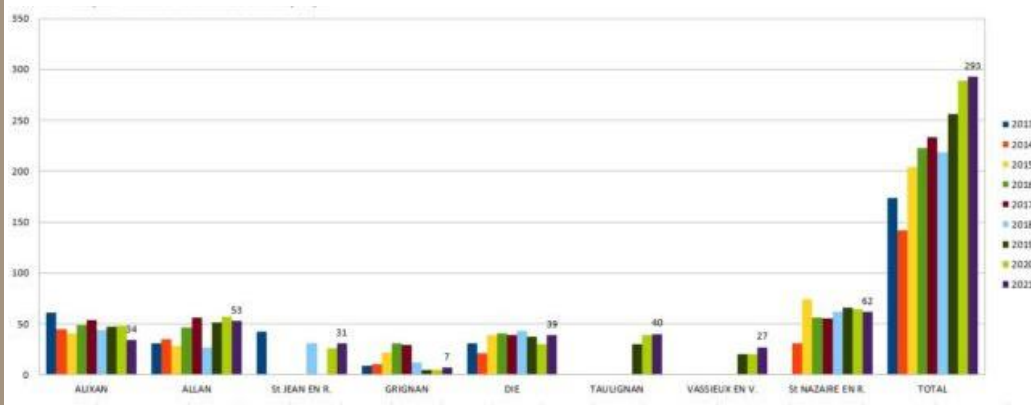
Other facts :

It is present throughout Europe, especially in the east of the continent and in Spain. In France it occupies the northern 2/3 of the territory.

The nest is made of grass and feathers. It is a horizontal circular hole almost a metre deep.

Graph about population evolution

Number of occupied swallow nests in Drôme



Graph analyze : We will just look at the total in this graph.

If you look at this graph, you'll notice an overall grow in the swallow population between 2013 and 2021. In 2013 there were 174 nests and in 2021 there were 293 nests.

I would like to draw your attention to the year 2014 where there is a decline in the number of nests and then again a soar in 2015. We went from 142 to 204. The same phenomenon can be observed in 2018, where in 2017 there were 233 nests and then in 2018 219 and finally in 2019 we can observe 256 nests. Furthermore, between 2015 and 2017 and 2019 and 2021, there is an climb (from 204 to 233 and from 256 to 293).

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