

FOXFORD NEST SITE SURVEY

Sites with some 2024 survey info are in RED – go to relevant site to see the updates. NOTE: the updates are partial survey results and further observations are needed at all sites except where sites have been lost.

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| SITE No. | Location | Nest boxes | Natural nest sites |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| SITE 1 | Church | 0 | 16 (26) |
| SITE 2 | National School | 1 x Genesis; 1 x Tower | 0 |
| | TOTAL | (0) | 16 (26) |

SITE 1

TOWN : Foxford, Co. Mayo

SITE NAME : Church of St Michael & St Mary

ADDRESS : N26

LONGITUDE / LATITUDE : 53.98040836,-9.11150694

NUMBER OF NEST ENTRANCES : 16

PROTECTED STRUCTURE : Reg. No. 312060015

YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION : 1875-1880

ASPECT : N, W, E

Additional Information : St Michael's Church is the ONLY known breeding site that has been located for swifts in Foxford.





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SITE 2

TOWN : Foxford, Co. Mayo

SITE NAME : National School

ADDRESS : N26

LONGITUDE / LATITUDE : 53.98023801,-9.10993516

NUMBER OF NEST ENTRANCES : 12

PROTECTED STRUCTURE : No

YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION : N/A

ASPECT : N, S, E, W

Additional Information

The Swift Tower was sponsored by the following : Foxford Development Association, Mayo County Council, Salmon Anglers, Tiernan Brothers, Foxford Riverfest, Swift Conservation Mayo, Cy O'Hara and Cleo de Vito, the school. It was installed in August 2017 in the grounds of the school. Attraction calls were played from May 2018.

The calls for the Swift tower have stopped working and we have not yet been able to repair them. However there is now a Genesis triple compartment nest box with caller on the school building facing the car park. This was installed in 2022.

