

## Bird protection center Mössingen



Common Swift station.

- **Place:** NABU bird protection center Mössingen
- **Date:** 22/July/2019
- **Participants:** Animal caretaker with NABU and CNCC
- **What happened:**
  1. Introduction of the center concept.
  2. Presentation of birds present in the center.

### Procedure and insights

**Expectations:** Obtaining insights in a bird protection center, which was founded by an honorary initiative.

**Procedure:** Presentation of the centers care concept (injured or juvenile birds will be cared for with the aim to release them again into the wilderness). With different birds, which were present in the center the procedures were practically visualized. Each year up to 1000 birds are taken to the center!  
Identical tours are given to regional school classes.

#### Educative methods:

Direct contact to animals: Visional and in exceptions also physical contact with birds.  
Problematic topic: Interaction with living animals. "Caring for other living beings".

#### Intercultural insights:

- Different cultural meanings of owls. „Bird of wisdom“ in Germany versus „messenger of death“ in Tanzania.
- Birds as cultural linking elements, i.e. the common swift as migratory bird with its presents in both countries.
- In Germany people care also for „small“ animals.
- The female employees impressed the guest from Tanzania (uncommon in their country).



Wet area in the center.



Bird of prey aviary.

The bird protection center Mössingen was founded in 1995 by an honorary initiative of some NABU members. Today the NABU Landesverband Baden Württemberg supports the center.

#### For further information:

- <https://www.nabu-vogelschutzzentrum.de/>
- <https://www.nabu.de/tiere-und-pflanzen/aktionen-und-projekte/stunde-der-gartenvoegel/vogelportraits/03696.html>