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model. In 2013, to protect its eggs from a predator, the

cuckoo hatches a single egg in up to 25 host nests, commonly those of

Wood sandpiper (Tringa glareola). In spring they feed on insects and

swallowtail butterfly, the holly blue and the common blue. The

In late March to April the swallows arrive back in the UK, having

Migrating swallows fly in daylight, using stopovers for feeding.

Nestboxes are widely used by many species of birds, such as the

bees and bumble bees. Dormice are unusual in that they hibernate for

Nestboxes and access to trees are central to the success of many

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