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### Urban Wildlife Conservation Guide

The team at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Climate Change has prepared and published an Urban Wildlife Conservation Guide under the title of Planning for Biodiversity.

The guide provides information on most of the wildlife species that live in Gibraltar's urban areas, such as swifts and bats, and provides advice on what steps can be taken to encourage them to succeed in this environment.

Information is provided on subjects such as providing bird nesting boxes and feeders, bat roosting sites, and 'insect hotels', as well as on green and brown roofs and living walls. Copies of the printed version can be obtained from the Department's offices at Duke of Kent House, and the document is available on line at:

[https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/sites/default/files/HMGoG Documents/Urban Wildlife Conservation Guide V1.pdf](https://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/new/sites/default/files/HMGoG_Documents/Urban_Wildlife_Conservation_Guide_V1.pdf)

Commenting on the guide, Minister John Cortes stated, "Commonwealth Park has shown the benefits to the urban environment of bringing nature into its heart. There are many other, smaller green areas in our urban areas and all of them provide opportunities for wildlife. Our rooftops and our buildings also provide shelter and nesting sites. But there is a lot more we can do to encourage nature in our town and in our estates, and this guide will hopefully encourage all, individuals and companies, to do what they can to make Gibraltar's urban areas a living city."