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## ICARUS BIRDS

A new initiative from ICARUS invites collaborators to track common birds to understand where, how, and why they die

**The Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior is launching a new project — ICARUS Birds — to investigate why we are losing birds that were once common in our gardens and forests. By tracking their movements — from where they live to where they migrate globally — we aim to uncover the factors that help them to survive and thrive. We invite ornithologists and researchers across Europe to collaborate in this large-scale effort to tag and monitor birds.**

We are looking for collaborators —ornithologists, bird ringers, and researchers —who work with one or more of the following species:

- European kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)
- Common swift (*Apus apus*)
- Song thrush (*Turdus philomelos*)
- Common blackbird (*Turdus merula*)
- European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*)



If you are already capturing these species and would like to enhance your research with tracking data, we invite you to join this large-scale effort. Our project provides cutting-edge tracking technology and a collaborative framework to help uncover key factors affecting bird populations and mortality risks.

To learn more about the project, tracking technology, and collaboration opportunities, please visit <https://www.ab.mpg.de/icarus> or contact us directly at [icarus.birds@ab.mpg.de](mailto:icarus.birds@ab.mpg.de)

We hope you will be part of this important initiative!

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