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Onderwerp

Research for species management plan:

Would you like to have the research carried out in your garden?

Dear sir/madam,

Imagine a warm and conmfortable home, lower energy costs and at the same time a positive contribution tot he environment. Together we can ensure a more sustainable future for all of us. Small birds and bats often live under roofs and in cavity walls of homes. Often without you knowing. That is why there is the possibility to insulate your home in an animal-friendly way. We make this easier for you by coming up with a species management plan (hereinafter: SMP).

You can find more information about the SMP and insulation at www.wassenaar.nl/diervriendelijk-jsoleren.

Basic research into building-dwelling bats, house sparrows and swifts in Wassenaar

In the spring of 2025 we started the research into the flora and fauna of the homes in the entire municipality. In this way, we look at how many homes there are where animals live. You may see that this research is being conducted in public spaces, in the vicinity of your home, business premises or garden. We conduct this research so that we know which animals (building-dwelling bats, house sparrow, starling, swift and house martin) are common in Wassenaar.

Would you like to have research carried out in your garden?

Your help is needed for a full investigation, so that everyone has the opportunity to isolate under the conditions of SMP. Access to your front and back garden is necessary, for the area coverage of the SMP, to be able to carry out the investigation. For the building-dwelling bats, the areas are visited by the ecologists on:

- In the first round in April and May, there are two evening visits form sunset.
- In the second round from May to July, there are four morning visits before sunrise and two evening visits from sunset.
- In the third round in August, there are two visits after full sunset/before sunrise.
- In the fourth round in September, there is one visit after full sunset/before sunrise.

For the birds the areas are visited by the ecologists on:

- two visits during the day in April to mid-May for house sparrow and starling.
- three visits in June to mid-July for swift and house martin between one and a half hours before sunset to half an hour after sunset.

Ecologists

The research is carried out by ecologists from Aqua-Terra Nova. Aqua-Terra Nova is aan allround consultancy firm with a wide range of research and advisory services for ecology, environment, spatial developments and water quality. The ecologists are well-versed in ecological field knowledge. You can recognise them by a vest with the Aqua-Terra Nova logo. You can fan find more information about this in the brochure.

The ecologist will ring your doorbell at the time that a visit to your garden is desirable. The ecologist will verbally ask for your permission to be in your garden.

For visits before sunrise, this will be reported in advance by letter. You can then contact Aqua-Terra Nova for an appointment.

You have not had any research carried out in your garden

If Aqua-Terra Nova deems it necessary to visit your garden, there will be consequences if you have not granted access.

If the research of the habitat of building-dwelling bats and birds has not been fully investigated, there are restrictions for insulating or placing a dormer window in your street or neighbourhood. There is a big chance that an additional research of one year in your street or neighbourhood is needed to get the area coverage completely.

Yours sincerely, Marijke Hofstra Beleidsadviseur groen