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An inhabitant of Spain, North Africa, and Palestine, which has once appeared in our islands.

Family CYPSELIDÆ.

The Swifts have been divided into two subfamilies, Cypselinæ and Chæturinæ. They are found both in the New and the Old World. Two of the Cypselinæ occur in Britain; and one of the Chæturinæ having in a single instance been killed here, it becomes necessary to include it in the list of our avifauna.

Genus Cypselus.

Swift:

Arrives in May and departs southward in August or the early part of September, and is therefore a true migrant.

ALPINE SWIFT.

A common migrant on the continent of Europe, particularly in its central and southern parts; it also inhabits Africa and India, and is an accidental visitor to Britain.

Genus Chætura.

The members of this genus are generally dispersed over America; nor are they absent from Asia, Africa, or Australia. They have been divided into several subgenera; that of *Hirundapus* has been assigned to the single species which in a solitary instance has found its way to Britain; but I retain it under the older term by which it is more generally known.

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