

The Swift Whisperer



Aspects of Naming Traditions in Swift Culture

Swifts do not have to actually use names as a great deal of their communication is telepathic and signing but it is an important part of their identity and essential for establishing them as part of the Great Swift Saga.

Immediately they are hatched, their parents whisper their name to them. It is never again spoken aloud. The other swifts know that a new name has been allocated and celebrate by screaming.

Swifts have traditional names reflecting their environment and Swiftal qualities. The most popular names are:

Rainbow runner

Cloud surfer

Thermal rider - usually shortened to 'T. Rider' or 'T'

Grace wings

Star friend

Top tail

Sky sprite

Moonbeamer

Air dancer

Sun slider

Storm wings

Sky jiver

Wind chaser

Loop lover

Cloud skimmer

Star guide

Soot wings

Star swimmer

Sky grazer

Moon friend

Simpler names such as Swooper, Swerver, Skimmer etc are not despised either and flying tricks are much admired in Swift popular culture.

Nicknames such as Midge Masher and Bug Buster sometimes emerge but these are short-lived and the traditional names preferred.