

**The use of a communal summer roost by
radio-tagged Blackbirds *Turdus merula*.**

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The blackbird *Turdus merula* is known to roost communally in winter. After the breeding season has ended, large communal roosts may develop in suitable habitat. Such winter gatherings are described by Snow as not very common in England, where thick cover is plentiful within most territories, but conspicuous in many towns in central Europe. However, with the onset of the breeding season most territory holders are thought to roost on their territories, either singly or as a breeding pair.