Our Logo

- **Scientific name:** *Petaurus norfolcensis*
  
- **Common name:** *Squirrel Glider*

An endangered species in NSW
Squirrel Glider

- They are a member of the possum family
- They are one of six gliding possums in Australia
Squirrel Glider Facts

- They live in family groups
- They can glide
- They are nocturnal
- They weigh 190 to 300g
- They are 20cm long with a 27cm tail
• They require many tree hollows for refuge and nest sites

• They inhabit mature or old growth forest

• They Utilise small remnant woodlands within Travelling Stock Reserves, roadside reserves or private land

• They live in linear remnant vegetation along roadsides or rivers and streams.
• They make a bowl-shaped, leaf lined nest in tree hollows.

• Two young are born between May and December and den with a single adult male and one or more adult females.
Food

- They eat insects, eucalypt and wattle sap, nectar, pollen, seeds, banksias, grass trees and Acacias
- The diet varies seasonally
- Acacia gum, eucalypt sap, nectar, honeydew and manna provide carbohydrates
- Invertebrates and pollen provide protein
- Important trees are:
  - Blakely’s Red Gum (E. blakelyi),
  - Grey Box (E. microcarpa),
  - Red Box (E. Polyanthemos)
  - Mugga Ironbark (E. Sideroxylon)
  - River Red Gum (E. Camaldulensis)
  - White Box (E. Albens)
  - Yellow Box (E. melliodora).
- Some Acacia species are key foraging plants at certain times of the year
Why are they disappearing?

• Loss of habitat

• Preyed upon by cats & foxes

• Caught in barb wire fencing

• Another major threat is the decline in year round food supply.
• Fragmentation of habitat.

• **Loss or reduction in numbers of hollow-bearing trees from forestry activities and timber collecting.**

• **Loss of flowering understorey and mid-storey shrubs in forests and woodlands.**
What we can do?

• Reduce fox numbers

• Responsible cat ownership

• Protect trees with hollows

• Ensure sufficient hollow-bearing-trees and future hollow-bearing-trees are maintained within the habitat
• Retain understorey feed trees such as wattles and protect these from grazing

• Replace top strands of barbed wire on fences with regular wire

• Retain and protect areas of open forest and woodland habitat, particularly those containing tree hollows.
Source of information and additional information

• Video of Squirrel gliders flying, eating, running around- Rare footage
  
  http://www.wirraminna.org/projects/squirrel-glider/

• Information
  