

Squirrel Glider Survey

Have you seen a Squirrel Glider?

We are asking Burrumbuttock landholders to complete a short survey to tell us whether they've seen a Squirrel Glider in their area. Squirrel Gliders often live on private land, so the assistance of landholders is very important to help us to understand their distribution.

Squirrel Gliders

Squirrel Gliders (*Petaurus norfolcensis*) are a mid-sized possum reliant on tree hollows for shelter and nesting. Habitat fragmentation has contributed to their decline in the Murray region and subsequent listing as a threatened species.



Large gaps between trees and patches of vegetation affect the movement of gliders across the landscape, interrupting their breeding and feeding activities. Squirrel Gliders may be mistaken for the Sugar Glider (*Petaurus bevicesps*). However, Squirrel Gliders are larger and have a much bushier tail and whiter belly. Squirrel Gliders are more common in the Burrumbuttock area.

Squirrel Gliders in your area

The Squirrel Glider Local Area Management Plan (LAMP) project aims to improve habitat and create connectivity across the landscape to enable gliders to safely find food and nest sites. We are currently funding revegetation works in targeted areas in the Burrumbuttock region. The Squirrel Glider LAMP project is a partnership between Petaurus Education Group Inc., Murray Local Land Services, the Office of Environment and Heritage, Greater Hume Shire, West Hume Landcare, Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre and Burrumbuttock landholders. The project is funded by the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and Catchment Action NSW.

How this information will be used

The data collected will be used to plan targeted works for Squirrel Glider conservation. All information provided, including your contact details and the locations of Squirrel Gliders, will only be used by Murray Local Land Services and Petaurus Education Group Inc. for the purpose of this project and will not be provided to any third party. Estimations of Squirrel Glider populations and maps showing their approximate locations may be published, but will not contain information about individual landholders.

If you are short on time, feel free to call the project officers and report your sighting over the phone.

Survey Return

To return your survey, please email: tracy.michael@lls.nsw.gov.au or post to:

Tracy Michael
Reply Paid 797
Murray Local Land Services
Albury, NSW, 2640

Further Information

For more information about this project, please visit:

<http://www.wirraminna.org/projects/squirrel-glider/>

Or contact the Project Team:

Lou Bull on 0458 240 634 or loubullpetaurus@gmail.com

Tracy Michael on (02) 60 51 2211 or tracy.michael@lls.nsw.gov.au

If you find an injured Squirrel Glider contact WIRES on 1300 094 737

Thank-you for taking the time to complete this survey



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1. Squirrel Gliders in your area

a) Have you ever seen a Squirrel Glider in your area?

- Yes No I think so I'm not sure

If you answered "yes" or "I think so", please mark an approximate location on the map on the next page.

b) Can you describe the location and circumstances of your sighting(s) (e.g., observed gliding across the road while driving):

c) If you would like to report a sighting from a location not shown on this map, please describe here:

d) Was the Squirrel Glider you sighted: Alive or Dead
What were the circumstances: (tick all that apply)

- gliding across road gliding across farmland in remnant vegetation
 in planted vegetation in paddock tree caught on barbed wire,
 in a nest box brought in by pet on side of road on the ground

e) When was the last time you saw a Squirrel Glider in your area?

- less than 12 months 1-2 years ago
 3-5 years ago more than 5 years

f) Of the threats to Squirrel Gliders listed below, which do you consider the greatest threat? Rank 1-6 from highest to lowest.

- Cats Foxes Loss of habitat Insufficient nesting hollows
 Barbed Wire Other: _____

g) Do you think threats have increased or decreased over time and why may this have happened?

h) Do you have any general comments/suggestions/feedback?

2. Squirrel Glider works

a) Are you interested in undertaking a Squirrel Glider project on your property?

- Yes No Maybe

b) What type of works would interest you if funding was available?

- Fencing Revegetation Planting paddock trees (protected by tall wire tree guards) Installing nest boxes Replacing barbed wire with plain wire
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3. Your contact details

I wish to remain anonymous

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

3. Request more information

- I am happy to be contacted further about my sighting
 I would like to receive the Squirrel Glider LAMP newsletter
 I would like to receive the Murray LLS Newsletter (quarterly)
 I would like to know if there is funding available for Squirrel Glider work on my property

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Please mark on the map to indicate an approximate location(s)

