

Threatened Species of the Central West

Swift Parrot *Lathamus discolor*

The Swift Parrot *Lathamus discolor* is a small, largely nectar-feeding fast flying parrot. These birds breed exclusively in Tasmania then head to the mainland to spend autumn and winter foraging in woodlands across south-eastern Australia feeding on the nectar of flowering tree blossom and lerp attached to the surface of eucalypt leaves.

The Central West region contains some important foraging habitat for the endangered Swift Parrot. Birds have been recorded in the Central West region, however they mostly occur on the coast and south west slopes in NSW and numbers have drastically declined.

The main threats to the species are the loss of foraging and nesting habitat, predation by sugar gliders *Petaurus breviceps*, injury or death of adults through collisions with man-made structures such as windows, vehicles and chain-link fences.



What can you do to help?

- Retain stands of winter-flowering feed-trees, particularly large mature individuals.
- Plant winter-flowering tree species where appropriate.
- Participate in biannual surveys to locate the winter foraging areas for this species.

Report
a
sighting!

All Swift Parrot sightings are important.
Report a sighting to **Birdlife Australia** on **1800 621 056**
Find out more about managing habitat, contact
Local Land Services on **1300 795 299**



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