

# Saving Swift Parrots and Threatened Woodland Species

## INCENTIVE PROJECT 2021-22



Image: Chris Tzaros

Swift parrots (*Lathamus discolor*), are one of Australia's rare species of parrot and are listed as critically endangered under Australian Government legislation.

It is estimated that less than 2,000 birds live in the wild. This project aims to improve the long-term viability of nationally endangered Swift Parrot through the planting of habitat and protection of mature feed trees.

Key feed tree species are Mugga Iron Bark, White Box, Grey Box and Yellow Box. Riverina Local Land Services is offering funding to support landholders to protect, restore and establish Swift Parrot habitat within the project area.

To date, the Swift Parrot Project has funded:

- The protection of 522 hectares of existing habitat
- The establishment of 124 hectares of new Swift Parrot habitat
- 42.6 km of new fencing.

### WHERE DO THEY LIVE?

Swift parrots are only found in south-eastern Australia. They breed in Tasmania and begin migration to the mainland around April each year in search of winter foraging habitat and mature feed trees.

Current records show scattered but significant sightings of Swift Parrots around Wagga Wagga, Temora, Tarcutta and Gundagai.

Tree health and habitat quality in these areas is currently in decline as a result of climatic stresses, clearing for agriculture and peri-urban development.

### WHAT INCENTIVES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PROJECT?

Riverina Local Land Services would like to partner with land managers within the project area to provide reliable and accessible food sources for Swift Parrots and threatened woodland species. Funded activities are:

- **Protection of existing Swift Parrot habitat:** grants are available as a contribution towards the cost of standard fencing materials to minimise livestock damage and allow natural regeneration.
- **Establishing new Swift Parrot habitat:** Establishing native vegetation on your farm can help provide future habitat and feed trees for Swift Parrots. Assistance is available towards the cost of standard fencing materials and site preparation. Seedlings are provided by one of our project partners, Greening Australia.

Key Requirements if you would like to get involved:

- The site must be within or near the project area (below)
- Sites must be a minimum of 20 m wide and a minimum of 2 hectares
- All previous works funded by Local Land Services or Catchment Management Authority must be completed or maintained
- You must have no outstanding debts to Local Land Services
- You must be willing to enter into a contractual agreement with Local Land Services and maintain the funded works for 10 years
- Works will need to be completed within 12 months of from date of signing the agreement
- You must have public liability insurance for a minimum of \$10 million to be considered for funding
- Allow project staff to access the project site every year for photo monitoring.

## GET INVOLVED

To register your interest in the project or get more information, please contact:

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Applications close on 17 September August 2021.

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Swift Parrot Priority Areas



### Legend

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