



Animal Adoption Certificate

This is to
certify that
**Shelford Girls'
Grammar**
has sponsored
the
Swift Parrot

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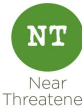
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SWIFT PARROT

Lathamus discolor



Least Concern



Near Threatened



Vulnerable



Endangered



Critically Endangered



Extinct in the Wild



Extinct

Threatened

Supporting the species

The Swift Parrot is one of Australia's two migratory parrot species. They migrate down to Tasmania in late spring where they breed and then travel all the way back across the Bass Strait to spend autumn and winter in south eastern Australia. This is very impressive when you consider that they reach a maximum size of only 75grams. They are noisy, active and agile when feeding and often hang upside in the trees, they also have a very fast direct flight.

Unfortunately, the Blue gum habitat that this species relies on for food and nesting is disappearing. In addition to this, predation on eggs and young by Sugar Gliders is negatively effecting populations sizes. A great way to help support this species is to plant a native flowering eucalyptus species in your backyard which provides food and shelter for the Swift Parrot in the future.

Habitat

Swift Parrots are distributed across Tasmania and South eastern Australia. They occupy a variety of forests types but mostly box-ironbark forests. They also are found in parks, gardens and flowering eucalypts in paddocks.

Diet

Swift Parrots are a nectivorous species that feeds in the outer canopy of flowering eucalypts, eating mainly nectar, as well as some psyllids and lerps, and flowers.

Breeding

Swift Parrots breed only in Tasmania and many pair's breed close together. Timing may vary with the flowering of the Tasmanian Blue Gum. They nest in a hollow in the trunk, branch or spout of a living or dead gum. Pairs often return to the same nest site each year.



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