

THREATENED SPECIES



Swift Parrot



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The Swift Parrot only breeds in Tasmania, utilizing old hollow bearing Tasmanian Blue Gum Trees to nest in during the spring and summer months.

This species is found in dry sclerophyll forests and woodlands, suburban parks, gardens and flowering fruit trees. Roosting communally often in the same tree each night. They very rarely come to the ground, usually only to drink.

During autumn and winter this species migrates to South Eastern Australia to feed on flowering trees. The Swift Parrots tongue is specifically designed to drink nectar and they are dependent on trees that flower profusely. Preferred feed trees that occur within Wingecarribee Shire include Red Bloodwood, Mugga Ironbark and Whitebox.

This species is considered to be associated with Robertson Tall Open Forest and the Mount Gibraltar Forest, within Wingecarribee Shire. Both of these vegetation communities are considered to be endangered.