

Squirrel Glider

Urban Nest Box Project

> THURGOONA & SPLITTERS CREEK



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR SQUIRREL GLIDER URBAN NEST BOX

This document will provide some useful information relating to your nest box including some tips on how to observe activity and share your findings.

The aims of the project are:

1. Build and supply 100 Squirrel Glider nest boxes to small properties in Thurgoona and Splitters Creek, to supplement tree hollows in known Squirrel Glider habitat.
2. To raise community awareness and engage local residents in conservation of this NSW -listed threatened species.

The project is being managed by Albury Conservation Company with funding from the NSW Government's Environmental Trust via a Great Eastern Ranges Initiative grant. Thurgoona Men's Shed have been contracted to construct the nest boxes and Parklands Albury Wodonga have been contracted to do the installations.



It is important to emphasise that this project **does not** permit handling, artificial feeding, or otherwise interfering with Squirrel Gliders, or other native wildlife that may occupy your nest box. Handling wildlife requires permits under Law from the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, with penalties applying to breaches.

OBSERVING YOUR NEST BOX

By participating in the project you have volunteered to undertake at least a basic level of observation and reporting of [Squirrel Glider](#) occupation of your nestbox. It is preferable to use the least invasive method of studying an animal so as not to interfere with its behaviour and breeding success.

Types of observations suggested include:

- **Observing the nest box at dawn/dusk from the ground** to detect Squirrel Gliders entering and exiting the front opening. The same applies with hollow-bearing trees.
- **Using a pole-mounted camera** to check inside the nest box from the ground. Access to a pole mounted camera may be arranged by Albury Conservation Company at no cost.

There may also opportunities for training, as well as participation in a broader Squirrel Glider monitoring program that may involve other techniques, including trapping and motion-sensing camera work undertaken by qualified ecologists.

Albury Conservation Company **does not** condone using a ladder due to potential safety risks to you and disturbance to the animals.



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WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR:

1. Squirrel Glider in mid-air moving between trees
(photo by A. Bonazzi)



2. Chew marks around the nest box entrance hole



3. Squirrel Gliders on a bed of gum leaves brought into the nest box by the animal
(photo by S. Melgaard)



SHARING OBSERVATIONS:

You are encouraged to share Squirrel Glider sightings directly with Albury Conservation Company by sending an email to info@alburyconservationco.org.au. Once confirmed, your record will be added to the Atlas of Living Australia (www.ala.org.au).

Information to record:

- Date
- Time
- Location
- Species (e.g. Squirrel Glider)
- Number of animals observed
- Behaviour (e.g. gliding)
- Degree of certainty - e.g. certain / unsure

Gliders move around and use multiple hollows and nest boxes as habitat so don't be alarmed if you have gliders in it one month, but not the next.

Records of other native species (e.g. Parrots) using your nest box are also encouraged. Note that [Sugar Gliders](#) also occur in the area and they look similar, but are about half the size of Squirrel Gliders and are not threatened in NSW.

Please also keep an eye out for the following non-native species, particularly:

[European Honey Bee](#) - these can invade nest boxes and exclude Squirrel Gliders. Please notify the ACC if bee activity is observed.

[Indian Myna](#) - this aggressive introduced bird occupies tree hollows and nest boxes and makes them uninhabitable for native species for years after the bird has vacated. Note: the rubber 'baffle' on the front of the nest box is designed to deter Indian Mynas but allow for pole camera access.

[Cats](#) and [European Fox](#) prey on Squirrel Gliders.

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