The Squirrel Glider, otherwise known as (Petaurus norfolcensis), is a nocturnal marsupial. They are related to the possum family. They get their name from their big bushy tail, like a squirrel’s tail. They look like a Sugar Glider because they are closely related to them. In comparison they are bigger and have a bushier tail.

The Squirrel Glider is native to Australia. It lives in the bush and woodland forest, in the hollow of a tree. They glide from tree to tree using the skin under their arms. They can glide for up to 50m in 1 leap and live in groups. They eat blossoms and leaves off some plants, nectar, sap, gum from acacia trees and Honeydew.

But sadly these adorable critters are under threat.

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• Don't let dogs or cats out at night and roam wild.
• Make sure your barbed wire fences are changed to wood or other animal friendly products.
• Don't cut down their trees or leave cigarette butts lying around on the ground.
• Watch for animals crossing the road at night.
• Join up to a Wildlife Rescue group.
• If you see an injured animal in need of help, call your local wildlife rescue organisation.

Squirrel Gliders can glide 50 metres in one jump. A Squirrel Glider’s body can grow up to 18-23 centimetres and their tail can grow up to 22-33 centimeters in length.

Squirrel gliders are marsupials with an average weight of 230 grams as a fully grown adult.

The Squirrel Glider is a threatened species with many threats to them:
• Barbed-wire fences cause many wildlife injuries and deaths.
• Fires destroy their homes. Cigarette butts are a cause of fires.
• Dogs & cats being let out at night
• Cars play a major role in wildlife deaths, when drivers are not looking out for wildlife crossing the roads.
• Another thing that plays a big role in animal deaths is their homes being cut down for people’s benefits

Our area has the greatest number of Squirrel Gliders in NSW. It is important that we do all we can to help protect these wonderful creatures.