

# FACT SHEET



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## GREATER GLIDERS

Queensland has three greater glider species. The southern greater glider (*Petauroides volans*) inhabits the south-east, including Logan. The central greater glider (*P. armillatus*), dwells in woodland from Eungella to Townsville, and the northern greater glider (*P. minor*) ranges to just north of Cairns.

Greater gliders are Australia's largest gliding mammals and are among Logan's most secretive and little-seen native species. These fluffy-eared, hollow-dwelling marsupials resemble their ringtail possum relatives but have a membrane, called a patagium, stretching from the wrist to the elbow, enabling them to glide up to 100 m between trees.

Their size, slow movement, need for large tree hollows, and specialised diet of gum leaves, place these nationally vulnerable marsupials at risk from habitat loss, climate change and bushfires.

**Weight:** 900–1700 g

**Body:** 35–46 cm

**Tail:** 45–60 cm

**Colour:** Pale grey/white to dark sooty grey with fluffy ears and a long, shaggy tail.

**Diet & Habitat:** Gum leaves, buds & flowers in old-growth eucalypt woodland of Qld, NSW & Vic. Often seen in blue gum, spotted gum, narrow-leaved scribbly gum and gum-topped box in SE Qld.

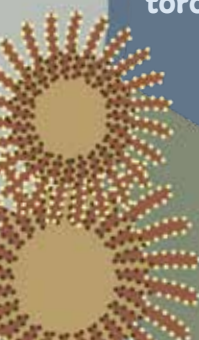
**LIFESTYLE:** Nocturnal, solitary & arboreal.

**BREEDING:** March to June, with a single joey per litter.

### HOW TO SPOT THEM

Look for scratches on trees and distinctive, reflective eyeshine in torchlight.

Two colour morphs exist – sooty brown (left) and pale grey to creamy white (right).



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## How You Can Help ...

- » Protect and revegetate hollow-bearing flora, especially narrow-leaved scribbly gum (*Eucalyptus racemosa*), gum-topped box (*E. moluccana*), blue gum (*E. tereticornis*) and spotted gum (*Corymbia citriodora*), to provide sources of food and shelter for greater gliders.
- » Place nest boxes in gum trees.
- » Lock pets in at night to prevent them roaming and disturbing wildlife.
- » Burn only under permit and report illegal blazes and bushfires to authorities.
- » Avoid and remove/replace barbed-wire fencing to prevent fatal entanglement.
- » Follow and share QGN updates on Facebook (@QueenslandGliderNetwork) or on Instagram (@yellowbelliedgliderproject).
- » Report sightings of greater gliders to the Queensland Glider Network (QGN) on [glider@wildlife.org.au](mailto:glider@wildlife.org.au) and to [www.logan.qld.gov.au/report-wildlife-sightings](http://www.logan.qld.gov.au/report-wildlife-sightings)



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## Restoring Vital Glider Habitat

Tree hollows take centuries to form. To help offset the loss of vital habitat in the Logan City Council region, some 70,000 trees have been planted, including flora specific to greater gliders at Scottsdale Park, North Maclean; Teak Park, Cedar Vale; and Wolffdene South Reserve, Wolffdene. Logan City Council is also installing greater glider nest boxes in several Council reserves.

Queensland Glider Network, an initiative of Wildlife Queensland, raises awareness of glider species and their conservation needs statewide. As a hub for glider research and information exchange, we hope to improve community and landholder knowledge. To get involved, email [glider@wildlife.org.au](mailto:glider@wildlife.org.au)



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