

Squirrel gliders are a threatened species and there are several established communities in the South Forster area, inhabiting over 53 hectares of Council reserves, parkland and private property.

Squirrel gliders are tree-dwelling, nocturnal mammals, with a flap of skin that extends from their wrists to their ankles which allows them to glide long distances between trees.

You can help to protect squirrel gliders, and other native animals, by keeping cats indoors. You can also provide habitat and food for squirrel gliders by planting these native species on your property.



Squirrel Glider Food Plants

Common name	Botanical name	Type	Food type & seasonal importance
Swamp Mahogany	<i>Eucalyptus robusta</i>	Tree	Nectar, winter flowering
Red Mahogany	<i>Eucalyptus resinifera</i>	Tree	Nectar and pollen, contains bark that supports a high density of insect prey, summer
White Mahogany	<i>Eucalyptus acmenoides</i>	Tree	Nectar, spring/summer
White Stringybark	<i>Eucalyptus globoidea</i>	Tree	Nectar, contains bark that supports a high density of insect prey, winter
Grey Ironbark	<i>Eucalyptus siderophloia</i>	Tree	Nectar, winter
Forest Red Gum	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i>	Tree	Nectar, winter/spring
Brush Box	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	Tree	Nectar, supports a high density of insect prey, spring/summer
Red Bloodwood	<i>Corymbia gummifera</i>	Tree	Excellent nectar and sap producer, summer/autumn
Pink Bloodwood	<i>Corymbia intermedia</i>	Tree	Nectar, summer
Spotted Gum	<i>Corymbia maculata</i>	Tree	Nectar, winter
Smooth-barked Apple	<i>Angophora costata</i>	Tree	Nectar, summer
Broad-leaved Paperbark	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	Tree	Nectar, contains bark that supports a high abundance of insect prey, autumn
Old Man Banksia	<i>Banksia serrata</i>	Small tree or tall shrub	Excellent nectar producer, summer
Coastal Banksia	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Small tree or tall shrub	Excellent nectar producer, autumn/winter
Wallum Banksia	<i>Banksia aemula</i>	Shrub	Excellent nectar producer, autumn/winter
Green Wattle	<i>Acacia irrorata</i>	Small tree or tall shrub	Excellent producer of gum, winter

Note: Other local species could be utilised, including other winter flowering acacias. Large trees may not be suitable for some urban yards.