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Saving Swift Parrots and Threatened Woodland Species

Swift Parrots (*Lathamus discolor*) are one of Australia's rare species of parrot and are listed as critically endangered under Australian Government legislation. It is estimated that less than 2,000 birds live in the wild. Without conservation efforts, this iconic species could be extinct in as little as 16 years.

What work is being done?

The project *Saving Swift Parrots and Threatened Woodland Species* aims to improve the long-term viability of nationally endangered Swift Parrot's and co-occurring threatened species through the planting of habitat and protection of mature feed trees.

Riverina Local Land Services is offering funding to support landholders to protect, restore and establish Swift Parrot habitat within identified priority areas in the mid and eastern Riverina region.

Where are Swift Parrots found?

Swift Parrots are only found in south-eastern Australia. They breed in Tasmania and begin migration to the mainland around April each year in search of winter foraging habitat and mature feed trees.

Current records show scattered but significant sightings of Swift Parrots within the mid and eastern Riverina region where they return to feed in the same foraging areas each year.

Tree health and habitat quality in these areas is currently in decline as a result of climatic stresses, clearing for agriculture and peri-urban development

What does the project involve?

Riverina Local Land Services would like to partner with land managers within the project area to provide reliable and accessible food sources for swift parrots and threatened woodland species.

Activities will focus on areas that have key feed tree species:

- Mugga Iron Bark
- White Box
- Grey Box
- Yellow Box

Eligibility to apply

- Existing Agreements - all previous works funded by Riverina Local Land Services or Catchment Management Authority must be completed
- Contractual Arrangement - You must be willing to enter into an agreement with Riverina Local Land Services for 10 years
- Local Land Services rates - You must have no outstanding debts to Local Land Services
- Locality - Your property needs to reside in the Riverina Local Land Services region and within the project area (see map on page two)
- Insurance - You must have public liability insurance for a minimum of \$10 million to be considered for funding

Did you know?

Each year Swift Parrots fly from Tasmania to the Riverina in search of winter-flowering feed trees. Without conservation efforts, this iconic species could be extinct in 16 years.



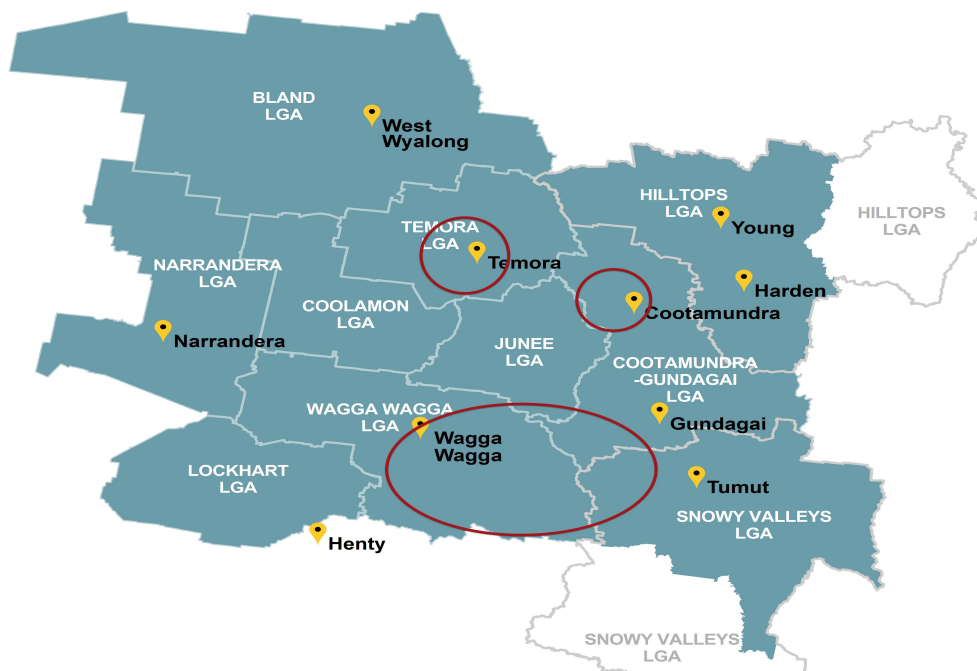
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How can you help?

Assistance is available towards the cost of standard fencing materials to minimise livestock damage and allow natural regeneration. Establishing native vegetation on your farm can also help provide future habitat and feed trees for Swift Parrots. Assistance is available towards the cost of standard fencing materials, site preparation and the purchase of new plants.

Project area

The project area is located within a boundary from Tumut in the east, Wagga Wagga in the west, Pulletop/Burrandana in the south and Temora and Cootamundra in the north (see map below).



For more information or to report a sighting

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