

Am I your Bush Bud?

Greater Glider

About me:

Are you the strong-silent type who enjoys the wind in their hair? Then the Greater Glider may be your perfect Bush Bud!

These gliding marsupials are completely silent and have no distinctive calls and never chat with one another. Found in the eucalyptus forests of eastern Australia and strictly nocturnal (unless startled or disturbed during the day), the greater glider is the largest gliding marsupial in the world and can range in colour from dark chocolate brown to almost entirely white. Their tails are longer than their bodies, and they can glide up to 100 metres in a single jump! Amazingly, they can also change direction up to 90 degrees mid-flight by using their long tails like a rudder and altering the curvature of their gliding membranes. Not only are these gliding membranes good for jumping, they're versatile as the Greater Glider uses them for warmth by wrapping them round their body on cold nights like a blanket.



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Threats:

Once common throughout the forests of eastern Australia, the Greater Glider is now endangered. Given their high dependence on forest and large hollow-bearing trees, habitat loss and fragmentation through clearing and bushfires poses a threat to Greater Gliders. Climate change is also a significant risk as their habitat contracts.

Become my Bush Bud!

Take a stand for Canberra's Nature and sign up to get the chance to walk with an expert in the habitat of the Greater Glider!

