

# Am I your Bush Bud?

## Swift Parrot

### About me:

If you've seen bright green parrots darting around the flowers of the Mugga Ironbark Eucalyptus trees near the Murrumbidgee – you may have been lucky enough to spot one of a small number of Swift Parrots that can be found in the ACT!

These beautiful, critically endangered birds migrate to the mainland after starting their lives in the east and south-east coasts of Tasmania. They are extremely fast birds. One male parrot has been clocked at flying 88km/h—that's more than some suburban speed limits allow!

It is estimated that there are less than 2,000 Swift Parrots left. Whilst the Australian Government has allocated funds to support their recovery, much more is needed to ensure this species has a bright future.



### Threats:

The Swift Parrot population is projected to decline severely in the near future as a result of increased predation by Sugar Gliders. Their survival is also threatened by clearing and degradation from altered fire regimes, timber harvesting, and climate change that affects high quality breeding habitat in Tasmania and foraging habitat on the mainland.

## 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 Swift Parrot!

