

## Squirrel Glider

*Petaurus norfolcensis*



## Adaptation to environment

- Skin flap between front & hind legs can be stretched out like a wing for gliding between trees. This allows it to avoid dangerous trips to the ground & to move quickly when foraging or escaping predators
- Long fluffy tail helps steer when gliding.

## Feeding relationships

### Where do I live?

Woodland  Swamp  Mangrove Shore

### What do I eat?

- Beetles, caterpillars (including species with stinging or irritating hairs) & other insects
- Occasionally eggs, nestling birds & other small animals.
- When insect numbers are low, wattlesap, eucalyptus pollen, nectar & sap: eucalyptus sap obtained by making cuts in its bark.

### What eats me?

- Lace Monitors, pythons
- Eagles, hawks, owls.

- Length: body 21 cm, tail 27 cm • Mass: 230 g • Large rat-sized body, soft grey with black stripe on head & body
- Nests in tree hollows – group usually contains 2 adult males, 2 adult females & some young.