

CRITTER INFORMATION

Each of these species is either vulnerable, threatened or endangered.



Powerful Owls are often found in wooded areas. For dinner they will sometimes dine on possums or fruit bats. The biggest threat to these birds is land clearing and a lack of tree hollows in the urbanised areas. Powerful Owls are the largest of the nine owl species in Australia, and if you're lucky enough, you might see one in your own backyard! The best thing we can do to help them out is to choose sustainable goods, with minimal packaging reducing demand on trees.
(status – threatened)



Squirrel Gliders live in the area around Albury/Wodonga. They are very good climbers and can glide up to 100 meters at a time. They shelter in tree hollows through the day and come out at night to eat insects such as caterpillars, beetles and stick insects. They also quite like to dine on pollen and nectar from Eucalypt trees. The main threats to Squirrel Gliders are the loss of trees with suitable hollows for nesting and the loss of food sources contained in the flowering mid storey shrubs
(status – vulnerable, threatened and endangered)



Golden Sun Moths spend most of their life (from one to three years) as larvae. Once they reach adulthood they only live for one to five because adult moths have no functional mouthparts and can't eat at all. You may spot them on warm sunny days in native grasslands or grassy woodlands dominated by tussocks of wallaby or kangaroo grass. We can help the Golden Sun Moth by protecting natural grasslands, not destroying habitat through ploughing or grazing, and minimising use of herbicides where the moths live.
(status – critically endangered)



Southern Pygmy Perch are tiny little fish usually found in small streams or swamps. They only grow to about 6 to 8 cm and like to eat mosquito larvae and other small insects. They used to be very common in the waterways near Albury/Wodonga but invasive fish, such as brown trout and European perch as well as habitat destruction mean they are threatened. There are programs working to protect these little fish. Landowners can also help by fencing off creek banks from farm stock.
(status – near threatened and endangered)