



Flying-foxes

As the weather warms up it's almost time for flying-foxes to give birth and raise their young.

DID YOU KNOW?

Flying-foxes are the largest flying mammal in Australia and are protected by law. These native animals are critical in ensuring the overall health of our ecosystem – they are like nocturnal bees. At night they pollinate the flowers of native trees, including eucalyptus and create new forests by dispersing seeds from the fruit they eat.

They are vegetarians that forage on nectar and the fruit of more than 50 native rainforest trees and vines. Their excellent vision and keen sense of smell helps them navigate their way over vast landscapes.

FOUND A SICK OR INJURED BAT?


- **Never** touch a flying-fox or bat (dead or alive).
- Call a trained and vaccinated wildlife rescue carer professional on **1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)**.
- If the animal is dead, wear protective clothing and safely dispose of the animal using gloves, shovel/tongs and place the bat into a plastic bag or lined bin to be disposed of. Never handle a flying-fox or bat with bare hands.



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