



Species Fact Sheet



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Sugar Glider

Petaurus breviceps

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Habitat: Arboreal-found in trees, in forests and rainforests

Range: Native to eastern and northern mainland Australia, New Guinea, and the Bismarck Archipelago.

Activity Cycle: Nocturnal-active at night

Size: Up to approximately 7.5 inches in length, with a tail almost as long as the body and almost as thick as a human thumb. They weigh between 3-5.3 ounces.

Social Structure: Live in groups of 15-30

Distinguishing

Features: The fur is grey with a dark stripe running along the side. The belly is cream colored and black or grey ears. The tail is gray, often with a dark tip.

Diet: Sap of acacias, Eucalyptus, nectar, pollen, and invertebrates

Life Span: 10-15 years in captivity

Did you know?

Sugar gliders can glide for a long distances -- flights have been measured at over 165 feet!