

GREY-HEADED FLYING FOX



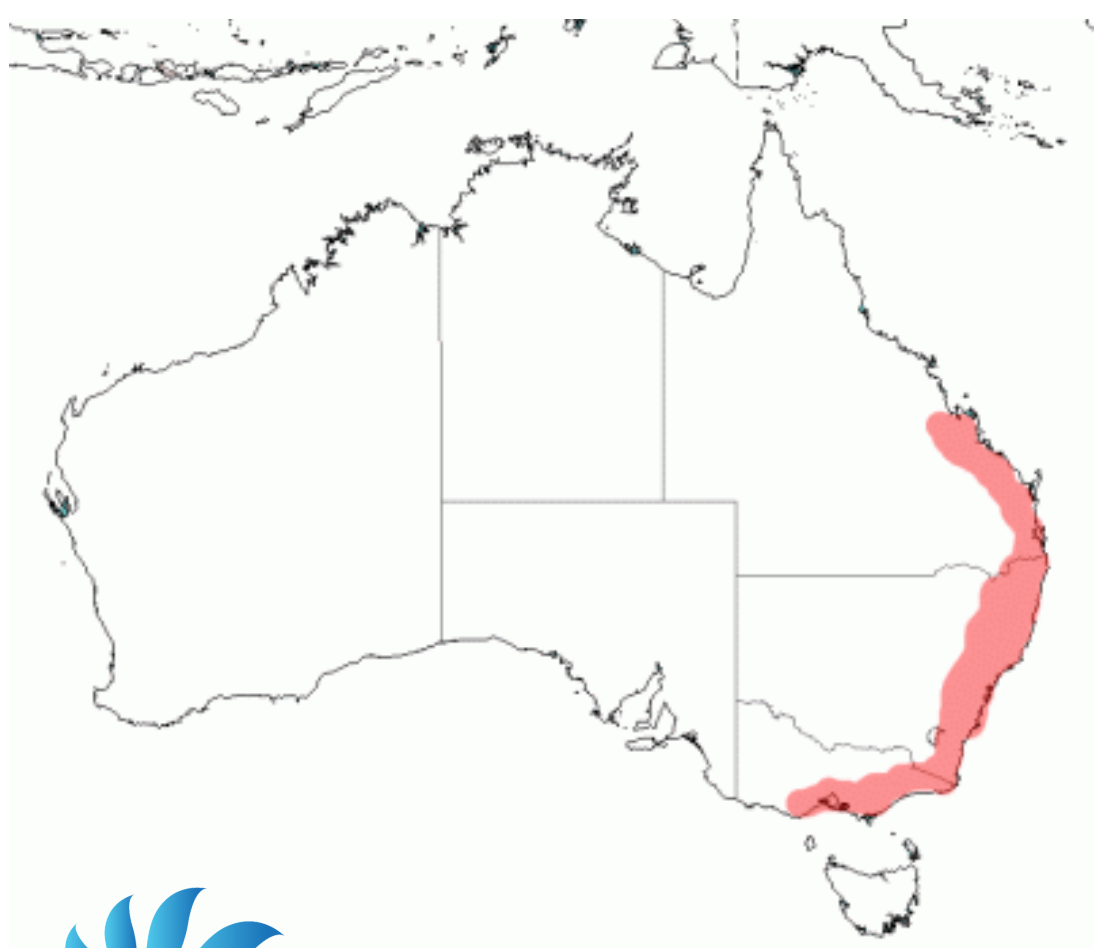
INTRODUCTION

The Grey-headed flying foxes are large bats with dark brown eyes, black wings and a dark grey head and body. They are covered with fur down to their ankles. They have a wingspan of up to 1.5 metres. Currently, this species is classified as Vulnerable Red List, and its numbers are decreasing.



DISTRIBUTION

These bats are found along the east coast of Australia. Their range extends from Bundaberg (Queensland) to Melbourne (Victoria)



SOME FACTS

At breeding time, the females give birth whilst hanging upside down and then hold the babies in their wings.

The mother will carry the baby for the first few weeks while she flies.

Then the baby is left with other babies in a camp until they can fly at about three months of age.

The Grey-headed flying fox can live anywhere from 15–23 years.

The Grey-headed flying fox live in rainforests, woodlands, mangroves, swamps as well as suburban areas and cultivated lands.

The Grey-headed Flying Foxes are herbivores which means they survive on a plant-based diet. Their favourite food is eucalyptus blossom; They are also known to eat fruits, pollen nectar and bark

When it gets too hot, they cool off by fanning themselves with their wings. When it is hot, they try to find cool and shady areas, where they lick their bodies.