

# Media Release

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## Positive breeding activity detected in 2024 Swift Parrot Monitoring Program

**Monitoring by Sustainable Timber Tasmania this season has recorded fledglings and key signs of breeding success across several forest sites**

Sustainable Timber Tasmania is pleased to share the progress of this year's Swift Parrot Monitoring program as the season wraps up.

Monitoring of these migratory birds continued throughout the summer across key areas, based on early season bud surveys and reports of swift parrot sightings.

Successful breeding activity was detected around the Eastern Tiers. The Sustainable Timber Tasmania research and operations teams reported that fledglings were heard and observed foraging in the Snow Hill area in late January.

This season, the research and operations teams:

- Monitored 16 different forest coupes for swift parrot activity across Tasmania
- Deployed 45 acoustic recorders and rotated them to capture data from a greater number of areas
- Spent 26 days in the field conducting on-site surveys, field assessments, and deploying technology
- Collected over 10,000 hours of acoustic data

The acoustic data will be used to develop AI-driven swift parrot call recognisers, enabling thousands of hours of acoustic recordings to be processed, providing deeper insights into swift parrot activity and improving monitoring efficiency.

Suzette Weeding, General Manager Land Management and Conservation at Sustainable Timber Tasmania, said:

"Acoustic monitoring continues as part of ongoing planning and forest management activities.

Sustainable Timber Tasmania is utilising technology it to implement effective conservation and management outcomes for the swift parrot and other species in Tasmania's public production forests."

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