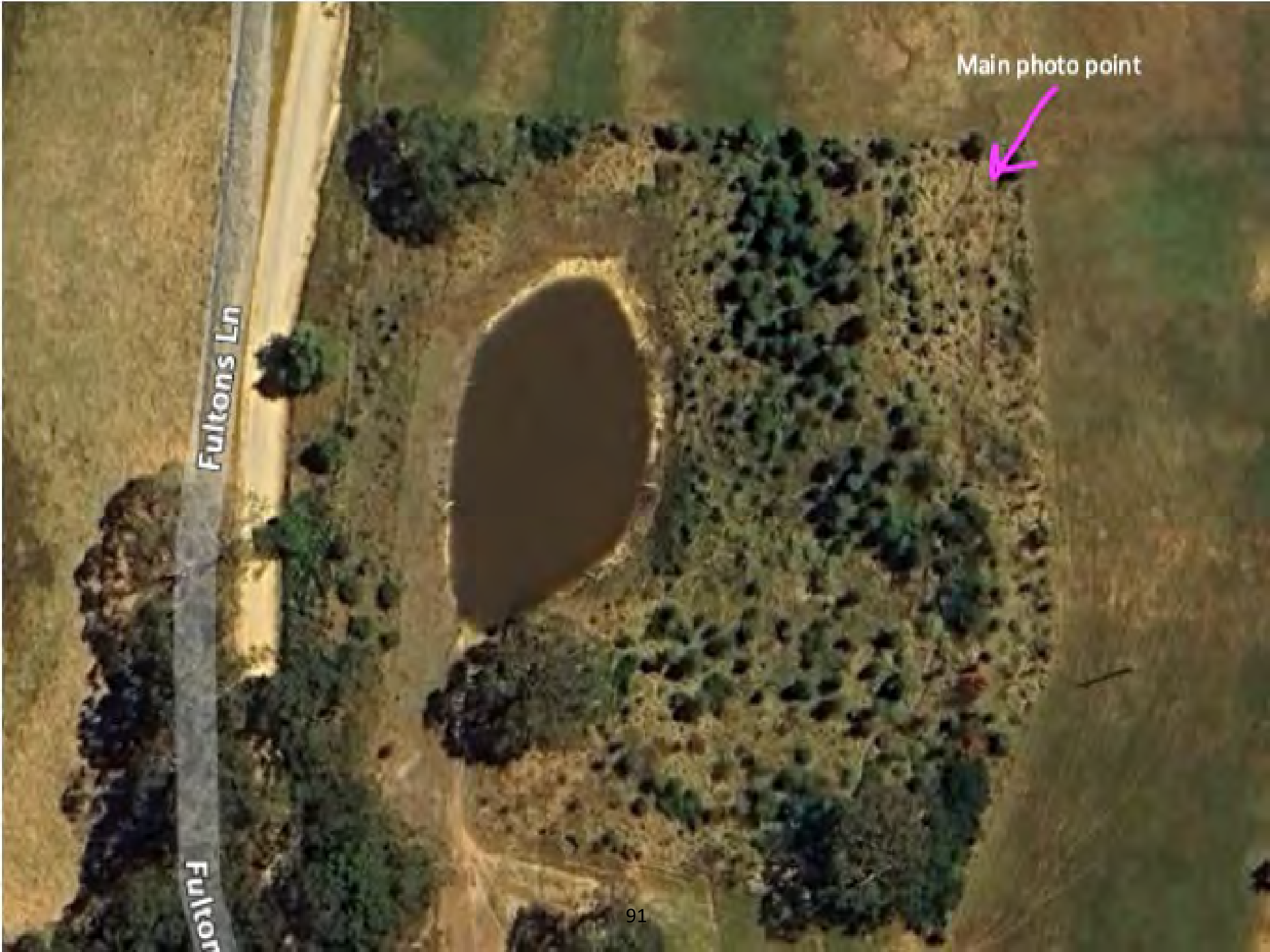
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Fultons Ln

2018

2 years

3.5 years

5 years

5 years

Biodiversity

12/6/2021
16/9/2021
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12/2/2023
23/3/2024
Sugar Glider 6/2021
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Gliders take up residence in farm forest

By Hugh Stewart

Life is full of surprises. This was proved this year when residents collecting firewood at Yan Yan Gurt West farm were startled by Sugar Gliders (*Petaurus breviceps*) that 'flew out' from a pile of stacked wood. To backtrack, Nic Theodore had felled Sugar Gum (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) in September 2020 for building poles and had cut and stacked the residual wood onsite for drying. In May 2021 he and Lucy Bowen were collecting one of the stacks of firewood when a Sugar Glider emerged, scurried about 10 m up a small tree then glided to an adjacent tree. Another followed. As Nic quickly rebuilt the stack to preserve the 'hide' he saw another three Sugar Gliders, possibly a fourth.

The site was a triangular block of trees established in 2002-2003 by Hugh and Andrew Stewart in partnership with SeedEnergy Pty Ltd, a specialist producer of genetically improved seed for forestry. The perimeter of the 2.1 ha site was planted with three rows of species local to the area. Half

Sugar Glider (*Petaurus breviceps*)