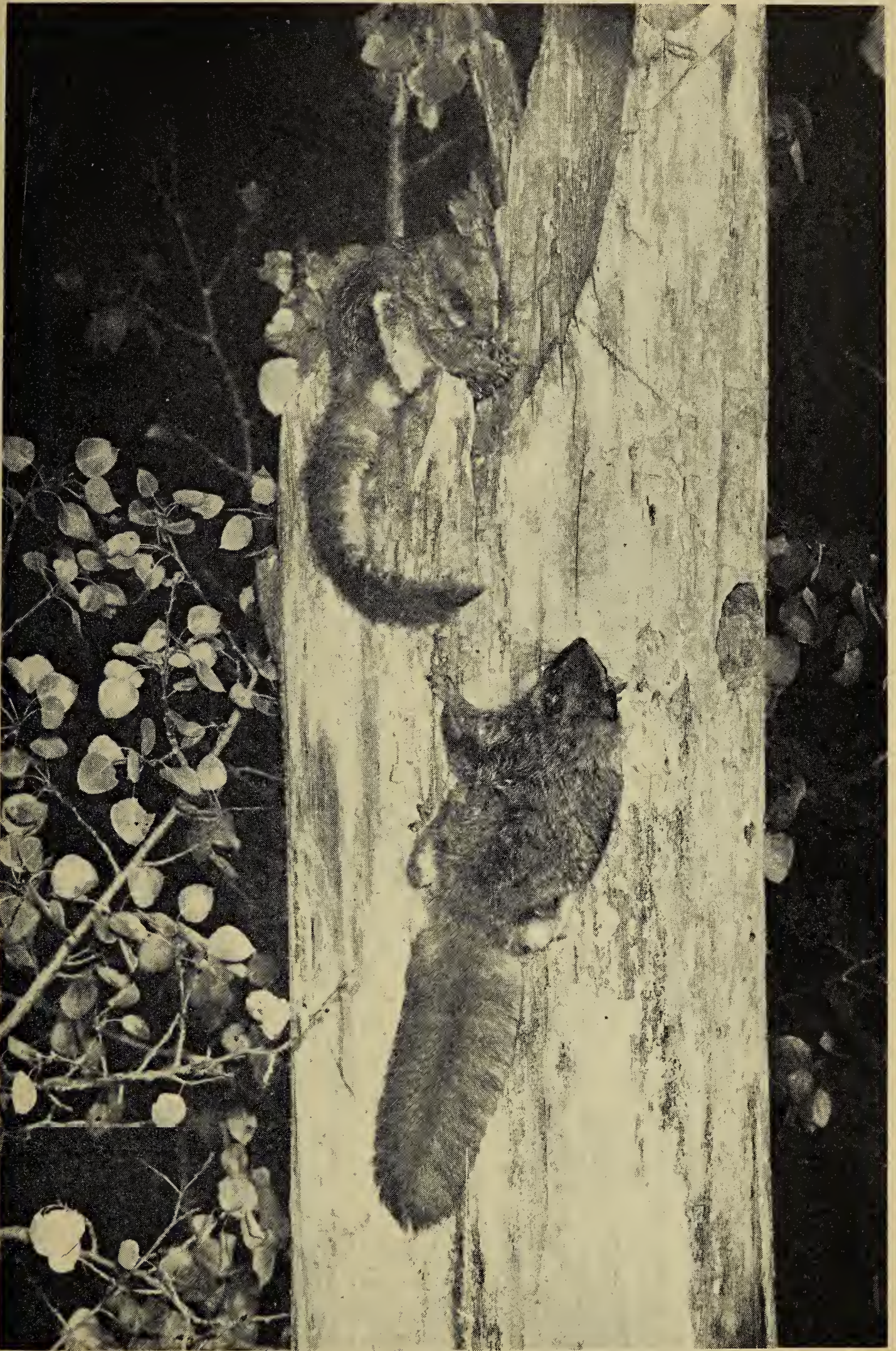


The Northern Flying Squirrel

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Northern Flying Squirrels do hibernate but they often congregate together for warmth during the winter months. As many as twelve have been seen roosting together in old snags.



The Northern Flying Squirrel uses much the same foods as other squirrels.



The Northern Flying Squirrel can glide about 150 feet or more. (Note the position of the head.)



The loose furry membrane is further extended by cartilages from the fore limbs.



Before landing the squirrel checks its speed by manipulating its tail and it comes to rest head up on the trunk of a tree.



The Northern Flying Squirrel is nocturnal. The large eyes are a modification for seeing in dim light and the wide tail is important for checking speed and direction. During daylight hours they rest and nap. Their bedroom may be an old woodpecker's hole or an outside nest 20 to 30 feet above the ground.