

INDIAN MYNA CONTROL PROJECT

Throughout the Hastings and Camden Haven Catchments

A community working together to help reduce the impacts of the Indian Myna



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*** INDIAN MYNA TRAP POLICY ***

Responsibility: You are responsible for the management of the trap and the cost of food/baits.

Time: you will need to be available every day to monitor the trap as part of your normal daily activities or be able to share this responsibility with someone else. The trap needs to be checked at least every morning and evening.

Animal Ethics and Bird Handling: Mynas and their nests are usually riddled with lice, and may carry avian diseases, some of which are communicable to humans. It is important to wear gloves when handling Mynas and their nests. Wash hands thoroughly after contact. The best way to keep the birds calm when handling them is at night time or in a dark area and by grasping their body and wings from behind. They generally do not try to attack or peck you when handled.

It is vital that all attempts be made to reduce potential stress on trapped birds at all times. We encourage people to make trapped birds as comfortable as possible by providing wooden perches, food, water and shelter. All non target species are to be released as soon as possible. In case of injury contact F.A.W.N.A. on 6581 4141. If birds are to be transported, the cage must be covered, with minimal noise and movement and temperature exposure considered.

Euthanasia: Ensure that you have correctly identified the birds as Indian/Common Mynas. See the Indian Myna Brochure or contact the office if unsure.

Preferred methods include commercial grade carbon dioxide, administered in a sealed bag. Cervical dislocation (neck breaking) if performed quickly and effectively is recommended by RSPCA. Carbon monoxide (car exhaust fumes) is not recommended due to inconsistent results and the hazard posed to humans. It is best that Euthanasia takes place after dark when birds naturally calm down, also that captured birds are held for no longer than three days and provided with clean food, water and shelter at all times. Once birds have been successfully euthanised, wrap them in newspaper and dispose in the weekly pick-up. If more than 10 birds, please take them to local landfill.

It is strongly advised that if you are unable to euthanase confidently and in a humane and acceptable manner, you should seek the help of a qualified or experienced person. Your local contact person or Hastings Landcare can link you up with appropriate help in your area. You can also take trapped birds to your local Vet who have agreed to help Hastings Landcare, there is no cost to you if you are directly involved in the Landcare program. Contact - **Wauchope Veterinary Hospital, 59 High Street, Wauchope (65 851 588)**, **Port Macquarie Veterinary Hospital, 159 Gordon Street, Port Macquarie (65 831 611)**, **Camden Haven Vet Clinic, 476 Ocean Drive, Laurieton (65 599 828)**, or **Bonny Hill Veterinary Clinic, 46 Beach St, Bonny Hills (6584 8808)**.

Record Keeping: As part of the agreement to trap, we ask you keep a record of your results and report back to the office or your local coordinator, even if they are nil. The more information we can gather from the community the better chance we have of controlling these birds.

Thank you