

Cardinia Shire Council

Indian myna trapping program

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Outline

- Cardinia Shire Council trapping program
- Julia Gibson – Yarra Indian Myna Action Group
- Questions



Trap hire program

- 8 Mini-myna magnet traps
- 6 weeks per person
- Waiting list
- Documentation



RSPCA information paper



Information paper

Management of common (Indian) myna birds

This information sheet provides background information on the RSPCA's position on the management of pest animals in general and specifically on the control of common myna birds (*Acridotheres tristis*) also known as Indian mynas. It also provides guidelines for the humane trapping and killing of common mynas.

Management of pest animals

Many introduced and some native animals are classed as 'pests' because they have a negative impact on the environment or agricultural production. RSPCA Australia recognises that in certain circumstances it is necessary to control populations of these animals in order to reduce or remove their adverse impact.

Participating vets

Veterinary Clinic	Address	Phone	Fee
Avonsleigh Vet Clinic	441 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Avonsleigh	5968 3957	Nil
Emerald Veterinary Clinic	400 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald	5968 6600	\$8
Bunyip Veterinary Clinic	1312 Nar Nar Goon-Longwarry Road, Bunyip	5629 5309	\$2 - \$5
Koo Wee Rup Vet Clinic	272 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup	5997 1801	Nil - \$5
Racecourse Road Veterinary Clinic	86 Racecourse Road, Pakenham	5941 5994	Nil

Trap hire program

- Launched trap hire program through brief notice in Council newsletter
- 120 people on waiting list

It's no 'myna' problem!

IN RESPONSE to feedback from residents, Council is trialling a program to help control the number of Indian myna birds in our area.

Traps are now available for loan from Council's Customer Service Centre. Registration is required prior to collecting the trap and \$100 deposit is payable on collection. Borrowers must sign an agreement to confirm that any birds trapped are captured and euthanased according to humane, RSPCA-endorsed methods. Full instructions on acceptable ways to do this will be provided.

Indian mynas, an introduced species, are one of the most invasive and aggressive animal species in the world. They force native birds and small mammals out of their nests and tree hollows, and prey on baby native birds.

By using sticks and rubbish to build nests inside roofs, Indian mynas also create fire hazards. They scavenge in open bins and spread rubbish, causing public health risks. Droppings and mites from their nests also contribute to the spread of disease.

To register your interest in borrowing an Indian myna trap, contact Council on 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au



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Results

- 17 people assigned traps over 6 months
- Total of 20 Indian myna birds trapped

Indian Myna Action Group	Amount trapped	Timeframe
Canberra	45,000	10 years
Yarra	20,000	6 years
Bayside	1,000	9 months

Trap purchase program

- Discussions with other action groups
- People keep trap
- Soon available from Council for \$50
- Contact customer service



Thank you

Up next: Julia Gibson