

HASTINGS - MACLEAY INDIAN MYNA CONTROL PROJECT

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 (Hastings) or (Macleay). 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. It is best that Euthanasia takes place after dark when birds naturally calm down. Captured birds should be held for no longer than three days and provided with clean food, water and shelter at all times.

Preferred methods include:

- Commercial grade carbon dioxide, administered in a sealed bag, or closed container.
- 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.

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 Project Co-ordinator can link you up with appropriate help in your area. You may also be able to take trapped birds to your local Vet who have agreed to help the program. There is no cost to you if you are directly involved in the Landcare program. Contacts are on the reverse of this document.

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.

Agreed Euthanasia Points for Hastings Macleay Indian Myna Program

Area	Name	Address	Phone
Hastings	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
	Bonny Hills Veterinary Clinic	46 Beach St, Bonny Hills	6584 8808
Macleay	Kempsey Vet Clinic	68 Smith St (Pacific Hwy Opp Woolies), Kempsey	6562 4962
	Macleay Landcare Swap & Go	1/80 Belgrave St Kempsey	6562 2076

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF INDIAN MYNA BIRD TRAPS.

Macleay Landcare Network(MLN) provide this trap to residents to assist in the control of Indian Myna birds and it is agreed that the use of this trap is conditional on the following:-

1. Neighbouring property owners are to be advised of your proposed trapping program, particularly where domestic pets may be impacted by the traps location.
2. The trap is specifically for the trapping & control of Indian Myna birds and must not be used for any other purpose.
3. Macleay residents are required to become a member of Macleay Landcare (\$5 / year) prior to borrowing a trap.
4. Any native bird species trapped accidentally must be released immediately.
5. Any domestic pets accidentally trapped must be released and returned to owners.
6. Birds must be treated humanely before disposal which means you must ensure the traps have **shade** from direct sun and **food & water** is always available.
7. Traps are not to be placed on Crown Land, Council Reserves or private lands without the permission of the owner.
8. The attached recording sheets are to be completed and returned to Macleay Landcare Network(MLN) with the trap.
9. Trapped Indian Myna birds are at all times to be humanely handled and destroyed, their bodies being disposed of in an approved manner. (See attached notes for methods of destroying Indian Mynas.) Small numbers of dead birds can be disposed of in domestic waste but large numbers should be buried or disposed of through arrangements with Council.
10. Traps are provided for a period of 30 days unless arrangements are made with MLN for a different time period.
11. Traps are provided in good faith and any injury or damage to persons or property while being transported or in use is the responsibility of the person signing this agreement.

I.....agree to abide by the above conditions

(Print Name)

when using the Indian Myna Trap provided to me by the Macleay Landcare.

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