

# Indian Myna Bird Control Program



# Amongst Top 10 Most Invasive Species

Not declared under QLD Biosecurity Act 2014

Population increasing at an alarming rate

Adapted to exist alongside humans and development

Concern for many reasons.....

## Natural Environment

- Aggressive & outcompete natives – pushing birds and mammals out of large areas native & urban habitat
- Spread weed seeds
- Generally altering ecosystem balance

## Social Amenity

- Form large communal roosts >5000
- Noisy and foul roost areas – public nuisance in large numbers
- Push many other native birds and mammals out of large areas

## Human Health

- Roost/nest in roofs and eaves
- Foul buildings and community facilities
- Spread disease (eg: Avian malaria & Salmonella) and parasites (mites & lice)

## Our Economy

- Damage to valuable crops & orchards - Omnivores
- Foul buildings, businesses and community facilities
- Can form large communal roosts in suburban/city areas causing noise, mess and health issues

# Identification



## **The Indian Myna is an introduced pest**



# Control

Control of invasive animals can be challenging as they move about, require a level of skill and knowledge and not able to be managed by one landholder alone.

**Shooting** - Not effective on large #. Learn quickly and bulk of flock will move away, safety issues in built up areas.

**Poisoning** – Issues with off-targets. Labour intensive – watching and picking up drowsy/dead birds.

**Trapping** – Can be slow. Easy to implement with gear, food/water &/or caller bird. Many locations possible, small & large traps.



# GRC Myna Bird Control Program



## Small Portable Traps

- Caller or food lure
- Landholder use
- Regular servicing



## Large Aviary Traps

- Caller or food lure
- GRC use & caller bird source
- Less servicing
- Larger capacity and greater caller lure capacity

# Community Partnerships

## Gympie Men's Shed – Cage/Trap Construction



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## Gympie Landcare – Trap/Bird Loan and Euthanasia



TRAPS AND/OR CALLER BIRDS ON LOAN –

### PARTICIPANTS RESPONSIBILITIES and INFORMATION PACKAGE

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand this document and agree to being responsible for any damage/loss to the below mentioned provisions and to following all guidelines, information and state legislation referred to within this document.

Your Trap/Bird Return Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ /20\_\_

Trap/s ID Number/s: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Caller Birds: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: **Wednesday – Friday 8am-3:30pm**  
Gympie Landcare  
Corner Groves & Old Maryborough Rd  
Gympie QLD 4570

Contact: (07) 5483 8866

Returned \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT & ATTACHMENTS**

For further information and guidelines on trapping birds and humane euthanasia see [www.pestsmort.org.au](http://www.pestsmort.org.au)  
BIR002: Trapping of Pest Birds & GEN001: Methods of Euthanasia

- Loan of equipment & advice to landholders
- Receival of birds for CO<sup>2</sup> gas euthanasia
- Register of traps operating and data collected from landholders



# Many Hands Make Light Work!!



## INDIAN MYNA CONTROL PROGRAM REDUCE & MANAGE MYNA NUMBERS