Indian Myna Bird Control Program



GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

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

Human Health

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

Social Amenity

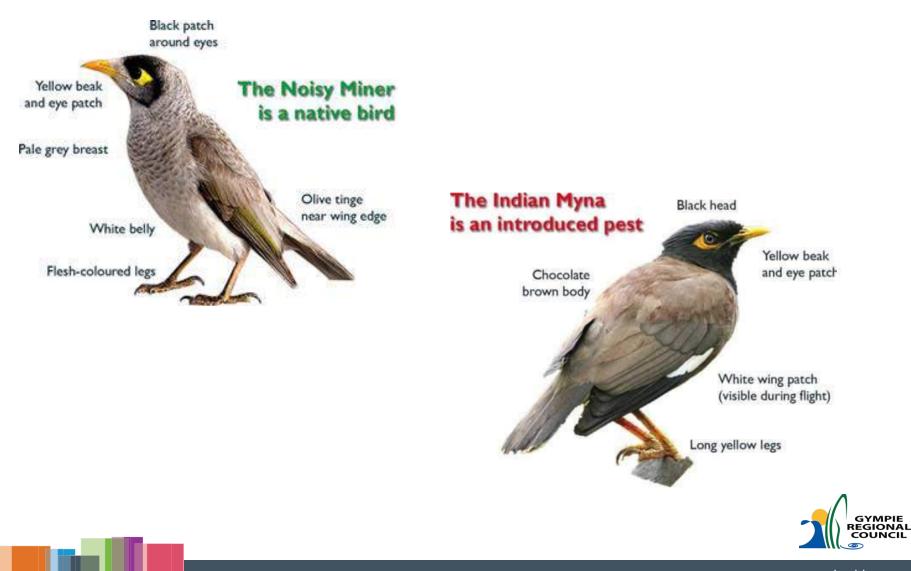
- Form large communal roosts >5000
- Noisy and foul roost areas public nuisance in large numbers
- Push many other native birds and mammals out of large areas

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



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









Community Partnerships

Gympie Landcare – Trap/Bird Loan and Euthanasia

INDIAN MYNA BIRD CONTROL PROGRAM	
TRAPS AND/OR CALLER BIRDS ON LOAN -	
PARTICIPANTS RESPONSIBILITIES and INFORMATION PACKAGE	
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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
Contact:	Gympie QLD 4570 (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.ou BIR002: Trapping of Pest Birds & GEN001: Methods of Euthanasia

- Loan of equipment & advice to landholders
- Receival of birds for CO² gas euthanasia
- Register of traps operating and data collected from landholders





Many Hands Make Light Work!!



INDIAN MYNA CONTROL PROGRAM REDUCE & MANAGE MYNA NUMBERS