



Biosecurity alert: Common myna

(*Acridotheres tristis*)

The pest and its impacts

The common myna (*Acridotheres tristis*) is not native to Australia and is among the world's 100 worst invasive species.

With an established and expanding population in eastern and south-eastern Australia, the bird is a prohibited declared pest under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*.

An aggressive environmental pest, common mynas affect the breeding success of Australian hollow nesting birds and mammals and is a pest of horticulture crops, and wheat and rice crops.



REPORT Common myna



DO NOT report
Yellow-throated miner
(native honeyeater)



LOOK for this pest

The common myna is 220-270mm long, with a brown body, dark brown to black head, yellow bill and bare yellow skin beneath and behind the eyes.

The bird has dark wings with prominent white patches visible in flight, a black tail tipped with white, and long yellow legs.

Key points:

- forages on the ground, often in pairs
- brown body, and dark wings with prominent white patches visible in flight
- environmental pest, aggressively competes with native birds for food and nest-hollows.

How you can help: look, act, report

Common mynas are aggressive birds, competing with native animals for food and tree hollows.

An adaptable scavenger, the bird eats eat fruits, grains, nectar, insects, young birds, and eggs. Common mynas may take food from rubbish bins in their search for food or forage in leaf litter in parks and gardens, picnic spots, and other areas.

Also known as the Indian myna, the common myna is a very rowdy bird, producing loud, raucous calls, including scolding and chattering. The birds begin their noise before dawn and continue until late at night.

The yellow-throated miner (pictured above right) is a native honeyeater with a mostly grey body. It's often mistaken for the common myna.



REPORT suspected sightings

- Be aware of any new or unusual birds
- Note the date, time and location of the bird
- Take photographs, if possible



Report your observations

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