

What can I do?

If Noisy Miners are swooping you can:

- Avoid swooping hotspots
- Walk through swooping areas - don't run or ride your bike
- Wear a broad brimmed hat and sunglasses, or carry an umbrella around swooping birds



Visit Victoria's Swooping Bird Map to find swooping hotspots in your area. You can add a location to let others know about new swooping sites.



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Living with Wildlife Noisy Miners



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Noisy Miners have adapted to living in urban environments. They are protected under the Wildlife Act 1975.

Noisy Miners are native to Victoria and play an important role in a healthy ecosystem. They have also been successful in urban areas and outcompete other native birds.

Noisy Miners love open spaces and big trees. These features allow them to look over their territory and chase away other native birds.

They find lots of food in urban areas from food scraps and gardens of nectar-rich plants.



Did you know?

It can be easy to confuse Noisy Miners with the introduced Indian Myna.

Noisy Miners are a native honeyeater with a grey body, black head and orange/yellow beak, eye and feet.

Indian Mynas are from the starling family and are an agricultural pest in Australia. They have a brown body, black head and neck, and white patches on their wings and tail.



Around the garden

We all appreciate and want diversity in our gardens. So if you want to see less Noisy Miners and more native birds, you can try some of the following:

Add more native plants in your garden. You can start with groundcovers, small and medium shrubs and add a few native trees. This will encourage other birds like Magpie-larks and Silvereyes into your garden.

Limit the number of nectar rich plants in your garden. Nectar is a favourite food of Noisy Miners.

Add more plant cover—this will create the opposite of open areas which Noisy Miners love.

Avoid feeding wildlife.

