

Keep wildlife wild

Feeding wild birds

Feeding birds is often done with good intentions, but it's important to understand that it can disrupt the local ecosystem and may cause harm.

Large numbers of birds drawn to an area through feeding can create a nuisance for neighbours, leading to excessive droppings and potentially breaching the **Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act**.

Native birds are wild animals that thrive on natural feeding habits. Feeding them can result in health risks, environmental imbalances, and long-term negative effects on bird populations.

Why avoid feeding wild birds?

- Disrupts natural diets
- Increases aggression and stress
- Attracts pests
- Creates species imbalance
- Spreads disease
- Rotting food hazards
- Fosters dependency
- Health risks from processed foods



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Legal Obligations

Under the **Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act**, bird feeding that causes a nuisance may result in enforcement actions, including:

- An **abatement notice** being issued requiring an individual to stop the activity.
- Failure to comply may lead to an **expiation notice (fine) of \$500**.

Positive ways to engage with birds

Enjoy and connect with birds in ways that don't involve feeding:

- **Watch and observe** - take time to enjoy their natural behaviour.
- **Photography** - capture moments of birds in their natural environment.
- **Identify species** - use bird identification apps to learn more about local species.

Some great apps to try:

- Aussie Bird Count
- iNaturalist

For further information, contact the City of Marion Community Safety Team at **communitysafety@marion.sa.gov.au**

Marion Outdoor Pool duckling

