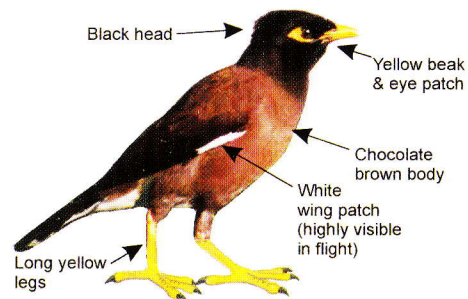


## CORRECTLY IDENTIFY THE INDIAN MYNA

The introduced Indian Myna is sometimes confused with the Australian native Noisy Miner

### The Indian Myna

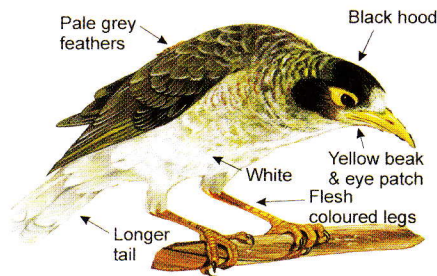


**Indian Mynas** are most often seen strutting around the ground looking for food, generally in places where

humans gather and eat. School grounds, shopping centres, fast food outlets and outdoor eating areas are some of their favourite haunts. They are opportunistic scavengers and will eat almost anything that is easy to get at. This is why they are sometimes referred to as "rats of the sky". They gather noisily in large numbers to roost (sleep), usually in non-native trees and palms.

### The Noisy Miner

The **Noisy Miner** is a small gregarious honeyeater, most often seen feeding on native plants eating nectar from the flowers. It is aggressive enough to frighten away cats and other predators but timid enough to be frightened of humans. It is an Australian native and, as such, is protected. Unlike the introduced Indian Myna, the Noisy Miner does not kill other native birds, mammals or reptiles.



### What can you do to help?

Please ensure that you and others around you are taking positive steps to protect our native wildlife from the Indian Myna invasion. Examples of positive actions you can take are:

- Denying Mynas feeding opportunities by making sure that food scraps, pet food or feed intended for native birds are not accessible to them.
- Denying Mynas breeding and roosting opportunities by blocking off holes in roofs and eaves to prevent them nesting in your home and planting natives to deny them breeding and roosting opportunities in exotic trees and palms.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and neighbours about the damage the Indian Myna is inflicting on our native wildlife and the risk it poses to human health.
- Get involved in your local Myna monitoring and control project.

Hastings Landcare and Port Macquarie - Hastings Council are working together with the community to gather information on Mynas and have initiated a Myna control program in the Hastings and Camden Haven. Call Landcare on 6586 4465 to get involved.



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## The Indian Myna (*Acridotheres tristis*)



### "The Creeping Menace"

**A threat to our  
native birds  
and a risk to  
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