

Indian Myna Bird Trap



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Trap known as PEE GEE's was developed by Canberra Indian Myna Action Group.

Trap consists of two main components: a feeding chamber and a containment chamber.

A valve assembly allows birds to pass from the feeding chamber to the containment chamber. The feeding chamber is equipped with two entrance tunnels. Door panels are provided for each chamber.

Location for trap: A quiet corner away from pets, works best near bushes or trees.

Baiting: We suggest breaking white bread into small pieces that are placed as follows; outside feeding chamber entrance tunnels, inside tunnels, inside feeding chamber and inside containment chambers. Place dry pet food pellets (meat based not vegetable) inside feeding and containment chambers.

Place a dish of water in the containment chamber. Use a tree branch or piece of wooden dowel stick to form a perch in the containment chamber.

Dealing with captured pest birds: Use 240 litre size plastic bags (from supermarkets) and place containment chamber inside. Close off top of bag tightly around end of section of flexible hose (vacuum cleaner hose or similar) the other end can be inserted into the car's tailpipe. Care should be taken that the car's engine be started from cold to produce enough gas to deal with the pests.

An alternative to the above is available by delivering the bird catch to Council's Resource Recovery Centre at Moss Vale. Phone 48684813.

The Council's Environmental Officer would appreciate advice on numbers of birds captured, Indian Mynas and Starlings.

Australian native birds found in the trap should be released. "Noisy Mynas" grey in colour are harmless and should be released, as we have found the in traps used in the WIngecaribee Shire.

We wish you success with you Indian Myna trap.