



Indian Myna



SPECIES NAME: *Acridotheres tristis*
COMMON NAME: Common Myna, Indian Myna

Type	Bird
Size	23 to 26cm
Colouring	Generally brown with a black head and yellow bill. White underbelly and wing spots (seen when extended).
Preferred habitat	Closely associated with human habitation. Will gather in communal roosts in the evening. Inhabits roof voids, bridges, large trees, etc.
Feeding	Scavengers, generally feeding on anything, including insects, fruits, scraps, pet's food and even other infant birds.
Breeding	Breeding season from October to March. Mate for life. Nests consist of a variety of materials, including leaves, grasses, feathers and other items of rubbish.
Habit	Diurnal
Threats to environment	Damage fruit and grain crops. Spreads mites and has the potential to be a disease carrier. Competes with native wildlife for nesting hollows. Reduces biodiversity by destroying eggs of native birds and evicting small mammals from hollows.

WAYS TO DISCOURAGE THIS SPECIES

Avoid feeding any birds as this provides an easy food source for Indian Mynas and will encourage them to remain in the area. Don't leave pet food out and cover any fruit trees to remove the Mynas' access to these food sources. Don't leave rubbish uncovered as mynas like to scavenge.

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