

MEDIA RELEASE

GLENRAC INC
PO BOX 660
GLEN INNES NSW 2370
02 6732 3443



Control the Invasive Indian Myna Birds

GLENRAC welcomes returning guest speakers, Laura and Kevin Noble from Clarence Valley Conservation in Action Landcare, who will be presenting valuable insights into how to effectively control the invasive Indian Myna bird species at the Glen Innes Saleyards canteen this month.

Since being introduced into Australia in 1863 as a means of controlling insect species in Melbourne market gardens, the Indian Myna bird population has grown exponentially, with the species establishing across most of Eastern Australia and spreading to other parts of the country.

The easy adaptability of these aggressive, territorial and opportunistic birds is a serious threat to native bird populations and other small Australian wildlife species, especially those resting in hollow dwellings where Mynas nest.

Indian Mynas are also a carrier of bird mite and have been known to spread avian diseases such as psittacosis and salmonellosis.

They thrive in rural landscapes where access to habitat and feeding options are readily available. In return, the messy birds foul on livestock and contaminate feed bins.

Laura and Kevin will present an overview of their extensive research into the Indian Myna species. They will also explain how to identify the Indian Myna (commonly mistaken with the Noisy Myna, a native bird species); the impacts of Indian Mynas on Australian birdlife, wildlife and habitat; how to successfully and humanely trap and dispose of Indian Mynas; and where to access more information.

All attendees will receive a free copy of the latest version of the Clarence Valley Conservation in Action Indian Myna Bird Project Handbook. Extra copies of these will also be available at GLENRAC thereafter.

A limited number of traps will be available on the day for attendees to borrow. These will be available at GLENRAC for future use afterwards.

This free workshop is made possible through funding from the NSW Department of Industries and Landcare NSW Program: Managing Established Pest Animals and Weeds and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Feral Fighters Program.

Control the Invasive Indian Myna Birds. Saturday 18th May, 2019. 9:00am – 11:00am. Glen Innes Saleyards Canteen, 36 Lang St, Glen Innes.

Please RSVP by 5:00pm 16th May, 2019 by phone: 02 6732 3443 or email to shelley.eglesfield@glenrac.org.au or drop in to the GLENRAC office at 68 Church St, Glen Innes.