

# What can I do?

## Don't feed wildlife

Damage to homes and outdoor furniture often occurs because someone is feeding birds, attracting them to the area.

**Don't feed the birds, and talk to neighbours about the issue.**

When birds are provided food, they don't need to spend as much time foraging. In this spare time, they will look for something to chew.

Secure bins properly. This is particularly important to prevent access to food waste. For help managing household waste, contact your local Council.

## Reduce perching options

Installing fishing line or bird wire across areas such as balcony railings makes it hard for birds to land.

Install black poly piping on fixtures to create a 'rolling' perch. This will discourage birds from landing on light fittings, aerials, wiring and other fixtures.

Install commercially available bird spikes or 'shock perches' in favourite perching locations. These do not harm the birds.

Hang flags, bunting, tinsel or holographic scare tape around to flap in the wind and deter the birds.

Use Bird of Prey kites and Eagle Eye balloons. These need to be moved around regularly so they remain effective and encourage roosting elsewhere.

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# Living with Wildlife Corellas & Cockatoos



Cockatoos, Long-billed and Little Corellas are some of Australia's most widely recognised native birds. Large numbers occur in many Victorian rural towns and urban areas.

- Damage to buildings and property by Corellas and Cockatoos is a problem for many Victorians.
- You can protect your home, business and assets, while also keeping wildlife safe.
- All wildlife is protected under the Wildlife Act 1975 in Victoria. It is illegal to disturb or destroy wildlife without an appropriate authorisation, license or exemption.
- Try the tips below for deterring Corellas and Cockatoos around your home. These birds are intelligent, so be persistent and try different things. Discover what works best for your situation.



## Did you know?

**Cockatoos and Corellas need to chew to maintain their beaks at the right length and condition. They will naturally chew trees, but wherever they land, either feeding or beak care occurs. This often includes the soft timber on our homes, decks and outdoor furniture.**

**To deter birds from this behaviour, cover soft timber with metal sheeting or paint it white. For new or replacement window and door frames, use hardwood or metal.**

## Around the home and garden

Use screens, netting or shade cloth to cover areas that are being chewed. This is a great option for holiday homes that are vacant for extended periods.

Use [wildlife safe fruit tree netting](#) to protect food plants and trees.

Onion Grass is a favorite food for Corellas and Cockatoos. Remove it from lawns to prevent damage by digging.

Replace loose roof nails with firmly fixed roofing screws.

Avoid fixtures with rubber seals.

Use metal pipe to protect exposed wiring. Screen lawns with shrubs and small trees, this restricts the birds line of sight and they're less likely to feel secure and feed.

## Finally

Still having problems? you may need to try more disruptive measures, including loud noise. More information is available on the managing wildlife, cockatoos [webpage](#).

Contact your local Council to check local laws and consult with your neighbours.



**Actions to deliberately disturb wildlife require permission from DEECA. Scan the QR code or go to [wildlife management and control authorisations website](#).**

