

BIRDS EATING DOG AND CAT FOODS.

All our native birds are capable of feeding themselves, except during extreme drought. Most birds do NOT normally eat the foods we eat or often put out for them. Some birds do take the food people leave out for their cats and/or dogs.

Usually these are birds we don't want around our homes all day as they are the species, which are aggressive to, or prey on small birds, their nestlings and eggs. (Butcherbirds, Magpies, Crows, Currawongs, Common Mynas).

These feral (brought here from overseas) Common Mynas are very aggressive, roost and move about in large groups, take over nest hollows often killing the nestlings inside. They attack nesting adult birds and foul nearby hollows with litter and rubbish. They really are undesirables.

The large native birds are quite capable of feeding themselves. Feeding them only increases their already inflated numbers. We really should not feed them and few people do but they often raid food left out for pets.

To prevent this we need to feed our pets where the Mynas and other birds cannot go (i.e. inside a building) or feed our pets at a regular time each day with only as much food as they will eat within about twenty minutes. The food left overs should be removed so there is nothing to attract birds.