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Acridotheres tristis

Description

- The Myna is a large (26cm long) dark coloured bird with yellow legs, a yellow bill and a yellow patch behind the eye.
- The head is blackish
- There is white under the tail and on the edge of the wing
- The birds are very noisy
- The nest is an untidy accumulation of any available materials
- The eggs are uniform pale greenish blue
- It is omnivorous eating all kinds of fruit but it also eats invertebrates, frogs and eggs and young of other birds



Photo: Andrew Darlow

Distribution

- It is common over most of the island and especially around settlements



Photo: Emma Bennett

Habitat

- Mynas roost in trees in large numbers
- They nest in tree-holes, rock cavities and old buildings