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## *Acridotheres tristis*

### Impacts

- On Wirebird:
  - o Destroys eggs, and probably attacks chicks as well
  - o Competes for territory and food, especially beetles
- On food:
  - o Fruits - eats the soft fruit such as paw paw, bananas and figs therefore making it hard for the local fruit producers
  - o Eats the fruit of plants and therefore spread invasive seeds, such as the wild mango, wild currant and bilberry
- On cattle ticks - This is what the Myna bird was initially introduced for, however they are not very efficient, and now chemicals are used instead, and even though they are still seen on the backs of cattle, they are mostly using this as a vantage point to look for beetles on the ground
- On property - They make a mess near property as they roost in trees and nest in buildings



Photo: Emma Bennett

### Actions

- Around the house:
  - o do not leave anything out that might attract a Myna bird
  - o make sure there are no holes for the birds to nest in
- Fruit can be netted, but this is very expensive
- Localised trapping in areas where Wirebirds are present



A predated Wirebird egg  
Photo: Andrew Darlow