

# Feral Pigeons Management and Control

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The City of Kwinana Environmental Health Department has received a number of reports regarding increased feral pigeon populations in your neighbourhood.

Feral pigeons can present a range of nuisance and health risks. The City of Kwinana is introducing a number of active control measures in the coming months to attempt to reduce the number of pigeons in your area.

Your cooperation is essential in preventing the problem from escalating further.

- ✓ Block entry into roof spaces by sealing roof eaves with netting or bird wire.
- ✓ Cover rubbish bins and keep the area around the bins clear of food waste.
- ✓ Do not feed birds leftover foods, breadcrumbs or foods that are not natural.
- ✓ Seek advice from a licensed pest management technician to undertake control of pigeons on your property.

(Note: The City is unable to make recommendations for pest management technicians or businesses. Visit the WA Department of Health website for further guidance:

[http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F\\_I/Guide-to-selecting-a-pest-management-business.](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Guide-to-selecting-a-pest-management-business.))

## Should I feed birds?

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Parks and Wildlife Service do not recommend feeding wild animals including birds for the following reasons:

- It reduces their ability to gather natural food.

- It has the potential to increase the spread of diseases.
- Processed food could be detrimental to bird health.
- Increased bird populations create a noise nuisance.



Consider other ways to attract birds into your garden such as by:

- Planting seed-bearing plants or nectar-rich flowers as natural food sources.
- Provide clean water supply through bird baths.

Otherwise, consider responsible bird feeding. Hang pigeon-proof feeders that cater to smaller birds and ensure that you keep the feeder clean.

The City's *Urban and Environment Nuisance Local Law* restricts the feeding of birds.

*Clause 2.9 (1) A person shall not feed a pigeon or other bird –*

*(a) so as to cause a nuisance, or*

*(b) with a food or substance that is not a natural food of a pigeon or other bird.*

Modified penalty: \$250 First Offence and \$500 Subsequent Offence.