

BCCS FEEDING ADVICE FOR MAGPIES
(and other insect eaters- Ravens, Currawongs etc)

The Bird Care and Conservation Society Inc. discourages the public from feeding wild birds. We advise that native trees should be planted that provide nectar, pollen, seed and berries, and attract insects. This will be a permanent food source that will never go on holidays or move house leaving the birds who are relying on a food source to go hungry.

Different birds have different dietary needs and generally eat a wide variety of food. Table scraps do not provide good nutrition for adults birds - or parent birds who are rearing young.

Magpies should never under ANY CIRCUMSTANCES be fed raw meat. NOT even as an occasional treat.

Insectivores such as magpies need a protein-rich diet with lesser amounts of carbohydrate and fat and they have extremely high calcium requirements.

If you feel that you must feed wild magpies we recommend the formula below. Only feed a small amount per day so that the birds will rely on natural food sources that will provide **ALL** their dietary requirements.

Formula 1 can Pal puppy food
 Wheat germ
 Heinz High Protein baby cereal
 Wombaroo insectivore mix - (available through your vet, or pet shop)
 One tablespoon chopped parsley
 One chopped hard-boiled egg
 Half a cup of grated hard cheese ie- Old Bitye
 One tablespoon of calcium carbonate

**All of the above ingredients must be used.
If any are left out nutritional deficiencies can occur**

Add equal amounts of Heinz high protein baby cereal, wheat germ, and Wombaroo insectivore mix to the can of Puppy pal (one spoon of each at a time) until the mix is a moist crumble. Add the grated cheese, parsley, egg and calcium carbonate.

This makes a large supply that can be frozen in small amounts with each days supply being defrosted as necessary. **All food must be fed fresh or freshly defrosted daily. All feeding dishes must be washed in hot soapy water daily to prevent disease.**