

NOISY MINER SUMMIT

The role of Noisy Miners in suppressing woodland birds and the implications for woodland health and restoration activities.

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What is the Noisy Miner Summit?

The summit will bring together woodland restoration & woodland management practitioners from across the Greater Murray Goulburn area & aims to:

- Raise awareness of the extent and management implications associated with Noisy Miners
- Increase the capacity of woodland restoration & woodland management practitioners to identify and manage Noisy Miner problems at a local level
- Raise awareness of the current status of the species and options for management.

What is the Noisy Miner Issue?

The Noisy Miner (*Manorina melanocephala*) is an Australian honeyeater which forms large colonies and aggressively excludes nearly all other small to medium-sized native bird species from habitat it occupies.

There is now an extensive body of evidence from Victoria and SE Qld demonstrating that when Noisy Miners are present within or on the edges of remnants or habitat corridors, other woodland birds, particularly small to medium sized species of woodland birds are profoundly less abundant. Noisy Miners are particularly associated with degraded and/or human-altered habitats, and current NRM restoration and revegetation practices may be further exacerbating the Noisy Miner problem through the creation of narrow linear remnants.

Consequently, there is a clear need to raise the awareness of NRM practitioners of the extent of the Noisy Miner problem in southern NSW and northern Victoria, and the steps that can be taken to reduce their impact.

Summit Topics

- Overview of the Noisy Miner Issue in SE Australia & the local area
- Recent Research Findings
- Overview of relevant legislation & licensing/ethics approvals
- Noisy Miner Case Studies
- Current Restoration Methods & alternative methods for habitat restoration in light of the Noisy Miner issue

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