

Koel-ing all Residents!

Here're some facts about our feathery friends:



Male Asian Koel
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Female Asian Koel
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What are they?

- Large cuckoo birds.
- Protected species under the Wild Animals and Birds Act.

What do they do?

- They play an important ecological role in controlling the crow population.
- They lay their eggs in crows' nests, sometimes removing a crow's egg in the process.
- The Koel chick hatches first and may force a crow's egg or chick out of the nest.

What's the problem?

- Koels make very loud, repetitive, high-pitched 'ku-oo' mating calls.

What should you do if you're affected by the noise?

- Report Koel noise problems – NParks will work with NEA and landowners to prune trees, remove crows' nests and food sources to discourage Koels from roosting in your area.
- While there are some who have been inconvenienced by the calls of Koels, there are others who enjoy the presence of such wildlife in our environment. We seek your understanding on the management of the Koel population.



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