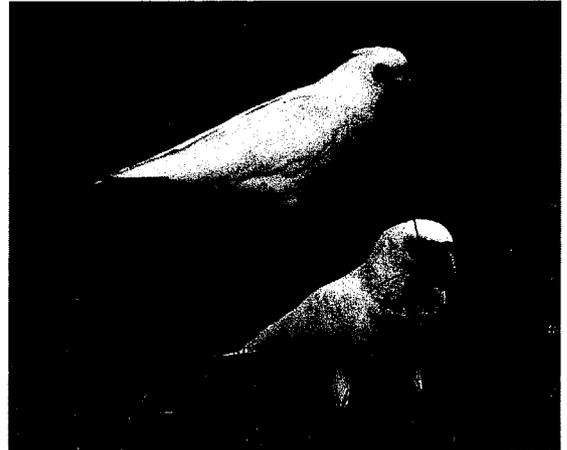




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INTRODUCED CORELLA DAMAGE QUESTIONNAIRE



Many golf course and bowling greens are destroyed seasonally each year throughout the range of introduced white corellas. It is not completely understood why corellas target specific greens each year but it is likely that they dig up greens as part of 'beak maintenance'. Corella's beaks grow continuously and need to be maintained, this can be achieved by chewing objects such as soft woods, tree branches, plastics and in this case, greens.

The Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) supports the removal of introduced corellas to limit the environmental and economic damage inflicted by them. DEC undertakes limited control work and has developed effective control methods for use in control programs. DEC is now seeking to gain a better understanding of the geographic spread and nature of corella damage across the metropolitan area so as to develop a strategic control approach for better managing introduced corellas.

As long as there are introduced corellas in the state, Western Australian golf courses will continue to suffer damage. Please take the time to answer the few questions below relating to corella damage at your golf course/bowling green, even if your course has not received any noticeable corella damage as this may help to formulate management strategies (i.e. regional priorities). Please add any comments you feel will be necessary or helpful to the project. Your answers will be used by the DEC to improve introduced corella control.

Please return completed form to mark.blythman@dec.wa.gov.au

If you have any questions relating to DEC's corella control project contact Mark Blythman 9219 8723

Name and location of golf course/bowling green

Estimate the total man hours to repair damage over the last 12 months (please include average cost per hour for labour)

Estimate the total cost of growing replacement grass for damage caused over the past 12 months

Estimate any other costs associated with corella damage. Eg infrastructure, shade cloth, signage etc or lost business due to facility closures

Have you spent any money on corella control or had staff scaring corellas over the past 12 months? Estimate how much have you spent? What methods have you employed?

Estimate how much money has been spent in previous years on corella damage and control

During which months do you suffer the most damage?

Do you have specific greens targeted each year? If so what type of grass is on it? Eg Bent Grass, Kykuyu

Do you have Guildford Grass (*Romulea rosea*) on your grassed areas?

Any other notes or comments?
