

Common Name/*Scientific name*:

Noisy Miner *Manorina melanocephala*



Description: A mostly grey body, black crown, black cheeks, orange-yellow bill, yellow-brown legs and yellow area behind the eye. A large honeyeater, length 20–26 centimetres in, wingspan of 33–42 centimetres.

Behaviour in the gardens: Very common, often seen (and heard) in groups. Can be seen harassing other bird species, including other honeyeaters and larger birds such as magpies. Mostly seen flying within ten or fifteen metres of the ground, often moving from tree to tree.

Feeding: Noisy Miners feed on nectar, fruits and insects taken from trees and shrubs or on the ground. In the gardens can be seen feeding on scraps dropped by visitors, and will steal food directly from picnic baskets, and even from a visitor's hand or mouth. Please do not feed them - they develop bad social habits.

Where seen in the gardens: Noisy Miners are found in woodlands and open forests, as well as parks and home gardens in urban areas. Can be found in more open areas of bushland in the gardens, as well as around the developed garden beds and open lawn areas

Similar Species: Similar to other honeyeaters, but the black head and yellow patch behind the eye are distinctive.