

**Swooping birds** may be a frightening or even a dangerous experience. Native birds swoop in urban and rural areas, in parks and gardens, along bike tracks and in school yards, or anywhere the birds are nesting.

By understanding why native birds swoop and how to avoid them, breeding season may be less stressful for people.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment has the following education and information products:

Sign 400 x 600mm, warning and information

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**DANGER**

**Beware of nesting birds in this area. Birds swoop to protect their nest, eggs or young. They have the potential to cause serious injury.**

You are in their territory. Swooping and attacking is their defensive behaviour during the breeding season. Each pair of birds may nest for up to 6-8 weeks.

All our native birds are protected. There are serious penalties for taking eggs, harassing or causing injury to native wildlife.

Do not harass the birds, as they will be more aggressive. If a nest is destroyed, birds may make a new nest and the swooping behaviour will be prolonged.

**HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF**

- Avoid the area if possible.
- If you must pass through the area – move quickly – do not run.
- Wear a hat, carry a stick or umbrella.
- Bike riders should wear a helmet, dismount and walk through the area.
- Travel in a group.
- Draw a pair of eyes and attach to the back of your hat or bike helmet.
- Wear sunglasses on the back of your head.

For further information, contact the Department of Sustainability and Environment Customer Service Centre, phone 136 186, your local council, park or reserve manager. Visit [www.dse.vic.gov.au/swoop](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/swoop)

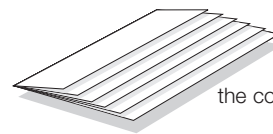
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**Product**

**Description**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A swooping birds information brochure</li> <li>• A warning sign for use in areas where birds swoop (external use)</li> <li>• A 'pair of eyes' sticker to be attached to the back of hats or bike helmets</li> </ul> | <p>12 pg, 148 x 210mm</p> <p>Corflute 400 x 600mm</p> <p>154 x 52mm</p> |
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On the reverse is an order form to purchase quantities of these products which are available from Information Victoria, 505 Little Collins Street, Melbourne 3000, phone 1300 366 356, fax 03 9603 9920. This order form is also available on the DSE website at [www.dse.vic.gov.au/swoop/](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/swoop/)



**Colour Brochure** 210 x 148mm, contains information about why birds swoop, the common swooping birds and ways to avoid injury

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**Instructions** Peel off the 'eyes' and attach to the back of your hat or bike helmet.

'Eyes' are known to be a significant deterrent against swooping birds, however this technique is not guaranteed to be effective in all circumstances nor with all swooping birds.

**Disclaimer** this sticker may be of assistance to you however the State of Victoria and its employees do not

guarantee that its use is wholly appropriate for your particular purpose and therefore disclaims all liability for any error, loss or other consequence that may arise from you relying on it.

For further information, contact the DSE Customer Service Centre telephone 136 186 or consult our web site: [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)

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**'Eyes' Sticker**  
154 x 52mm,  
for hats and helmets

