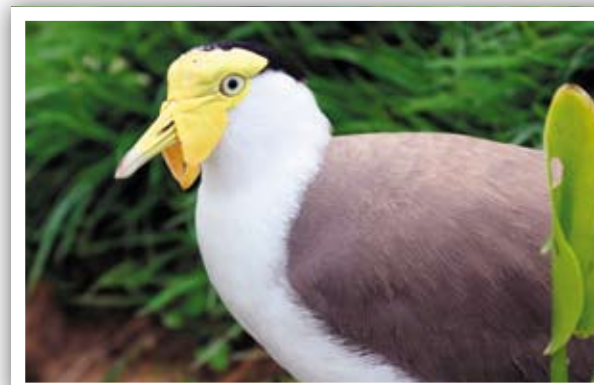


# Tips for Landscaping and Natural Habitat

- 1. Create habitat for native animals:** Plant local native species in your garden and add logs and rocks to create habitat for native animals.
- 2. Use pesticides and herbicides sparingly:** If you must use pesticides in the garden, opt for those made from natural ingredients, such as pyrethrum.
- 3. Remember to put the cat in:** Keep your domestic cats inside at night, put bells on their collars, and have them desexed.
- 4. Join a community group in your local area:** Volunteer your time to do on-ground, office or coordination work to help revegetate your local area.
- 5. Learn about your environment:** Visit national parks, botanical gardens or a zoo in your area and learn more about your environment.
- 6. Drive carefully:** Watch out for native animals when driving at dusk and dawn, particularly in bush areas.
- 7. Care for the bush:** Make sure that all campfires and cigarettes are properly extinguished before leaving the bush, and remember to take your rubbish with you.
- 8. Be informed before you fish:** Find out which species you can take home for dinner and which you should release back into the water.
- 9. Try to use plantation timber:** Buy plantation timber instead of native forest or woodland timber, if you are building or renovating. This will help conserve the forests and woodlands.
- 10. Dispose of garden waste carefully:** Weeds, prunings and grass clippings dumped in the bush can introduce or spread weeds.
- 11. Take note when travelling overseas:** Be careful about what you buy overseas and bring into the country as you may be buying into illegal trade in wildlife.
- 12. Avoid feeding water birds:** Feeding causes disruption to the natural ecosystem.



Masked Lapwing  
*Vanellus miles*



Australian Magpie  
*Gymnorhina tibicen*