



24/7 Hotline
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WILVOS GUIDELINES H5 AVIAN INFLUENZA if Bird Flu Suspected - based on DETSI, WHA and Birdlife Australia Guidelines



AVOID

Don't touch or handle sick or dead birds. Observe from a distance and keep pets and children well away.



RECORD

Note the date, location, species and how many are sick or dead. If safe, take photos or video.

WHEN to REPORT

If there are:



- **5 or more sick or dead wild birds of any species**
- **1 or more sick or dead marine mammals, seabirds, shorebirds, waterbirds, or birds of prey** (the "target species")
- **Mass mortality events** (e.g. flying fox/lorikeet paralysis events), even where another cause is suspected — report so H5 can be excluded by testing

Report immediately to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on **1800 675 888** (24/7)

Signs of H5 avian influenza in wild birds can include:

- sudden death
- lack of coordination, tremors, swimming in circles
- twisted necks or other abnormal posture
- inability to stand or fly
- diarrhoea
- difficulty breathing, coughing or sneezing
- swelling around the head, neck and eyes
- cloudiness or change in colour of the eyes

