

# HOW CAN I HELP our Wildlife?

There are **MANY WAYS !!**

## PICK UP



### **Cassette tapes, string, wool, etc.**

Breeding birds collect such items as nesting material. However, they often become entangled and incapacitated - dying slowly - which condemns their chicks to the same fate.

### **Discarded fishing lines, and especially hooks with bait still on them!!**

Aquatic birds fall victim when they scavenge bait, and end up with a hook lodged in their gullet. Adult (and thus their helpless young) fall victim to our laziness.

### **Plastic rings from bottles, pull tabs from drink cans, plastic bags**

Young birds fall victim when they "play" with these items.

- Pull tabs are often caught in the gullet, or the beak is trapped when the ring goes over it and gets stuck.
- Plastic rings from Milk bottles end up around the necks of young birds, restricting their throats as they grow. They can also get their feet caught in them as they struggle to dislodge the ring, thus leaving them vulnerable to any local cats, dogs, or predatory birds.  
Cut ALL plastic rings BEFORE discarding them in your rubbish bin - problem solved.
- **Cans and Plastic bottles** - Do the right thing - bin it!! Small reptiles crawl inside them and sometimes get stuck.

## THINK TWICE BEFORE felling that tree -

If it has hollows, it could be the home to Kookaburras, Parrots, Possums, Kingfishers, Gliders - and nesting boxes really are a poor substitute.

And, if you **MUST** remove a tree, plan any tree-felling for Autumn or Winter so that our Wildlife's new "babies" are not affected.

Remember, a baby animal's natural reaction is to hide themselves when danger threatens. **Silence, and lack of movement**, from that "empty nest" (or hollow) **DOES NOT** necessarily indicate it is unused. **Seek advice before removing that tree.**

### **If you find injured Wildlife, DO NOT give it food or water.**

CALL A WILDLIFE CARER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

**As you pick up "someone else's rubbish",** take pride in the fact that you saved a life today.... that of WILDLIFE !!!

Our future generations may yet get to enjoy the myriad suburban wildlife species that we enjoy today. **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

## REPORT

all acts of cruelty to animals to the appropriate authorities -  
Local Police, **RSPCA**, **DERM** (Department of Environment and Resource Management).

*Plant a Native - Save a Native*