

Why we should Avoid Feeding wildlife:



While done under the best intentions, feeding your local wildlife may not be the best idea and can cause more harm than good.

WHATS HAPPENING?

Many people would like to encourage local wildlife into their gardens and in local nature, but the use of food to do so may be a harmful method:

Unhealthy/Unsuitable Food

Many species need specific nutrients from the food they consume.
Most household scraps or leftovers would have no nutritional value for most wildlife.

It may cause Food Dependency

Wildlife can become dependent on you as a source of food/ or to the food you are providing which can lead to the loss of foraging skills.
They would also be affected if you choose to move away.

Overwhelming Influx of Wildlife

Regular Feeding may attract an increased amount of wildlife which could cause food aggression/ competition.
This may also increase the risk of spreading disease.

THINGS YOU CAN DO INSTEAD:



Plant Native Trees to attract more wildlife and provide a natural food source.



Provide shelter from elements, such as possum boxes or bird houses

Leave drinking water out in hotter months so that wildlife can keep cool



South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter

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