

# Permit to Destroy Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis

Before completing your application, please read the following information.

## Legislation

*National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* (section 53(1)(c))

National Parks and Wildlife (Hunting) Regulations 2011 (regulation 5)

## Overview

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is responsible for regulating the management of native wildlife in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* ('the Act') and all Regulations and Proclamations made under the Act. A permit is required to take (e.g. destroy) protected animals. Under the Act it is an offence to destroy a protected animal without a permit.

## Permit description

A Permit to Destroy Wildlife entitles the permit holder to destroy protected animals or the eggs of protected animals (identified in the permit by reference to their species) where protected animals;

- are causing, or likely to cause, damage to the environment or to crops, stock or other property (including built structures); or
- constitute a safety risk or hazard to people or industry.

## Policy statement

Human-wildlife conflicts occur at different scales and in different situations. DEW encourages an adaptive wildlife management approach to address the impacts caused by wildlife in a way that is humane and socially acceptable.

DEW acknowledges there are situations where non-lethal methods are not effective or appropriate to address the impacts caused by wildlife. DEW may issue the landowner a permit to allow the use of lethal control methods where non-lethal methods are not appropriate. Where the destruction of wildlife is authorised, compliance with the relevant Code of Practice for humane destruction of wildlife is a condition of permit.

A Permit to Destroy Wildlife does not permit recreational hunting of protected animals.

## Assessment considerations

Permit applications are assessed with consideration to the following:

- extent of economic/environmental damage being caused or likely to be caused by wildlife
- wildlife presents a threat to human safety
- non-lethal methods have been tried with limited success or are not appropriate to manage the impact
- the destruction of some animals provides an effective method of minimising the impact of wildlife
- the method of destruction is humane and complies with the '[Code of Practice for Humane Destruction of Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis in South Australia](#)'
- destruction of some animals from a population will not detrimentally affect ecological sustainability and species conservation status.



## Animal welfare

Humane destruction of animals is important to DEW and all destruction of animals must comply with the relevant Code of Practice for humane destruction, the *Animal Welfare Act 1985*, and the limitations, restrictions and conditions of the permit granted.

## Fit and proper person assessment

Applicants will be asked whether they have been convicted of offences against the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, *Animal Welfare Act 1985*, South Australian firearms legislation or other environment legislation interstate and/or overseas. Where a conviction is declared, applicants must provide a description of the offence, along with the year and State/Territory/Country. Applicants can still proceed with an application and have it assessed.

## How to provide your property details

It is required to provide specific information in your application regarding the property details from where the animals will be destroyed. These details need to be in the form of a Hundred reference (e.g. Adelaide) and a Plan Parcel reference (e.g. D32868 A204).

This information may be sourced from a council rates notice. Alternatively, you can source this information online using the [SA Property and Planning Atlas](#). Locate your property using the 'Search' or 'Zoom' instructions. Right click on your property and property details will be displayed on the left screen panel, including the Hundred and Plan Parcel necessary to complete your application.

If there are multiple properties where you would like destruction to occur, please list the details for all properties (parcels) on your application.

## How long will it take to obtain a permit?

An application may take up to 4 weeks (20 business days) to process. Applications for new or more complex wildlife management issues, or that require further information, could take longer to process.

## Fees

No permit fee applies.

## Do I need to keep records?

Yes. A report specifying the species and number destroyed must be completed within 14 days of permit completion (i.e. when the permitted number of animals is reached) or within 14 days of permit expiry (whichever is the earlier). Further permits may not be granted for the same species on the same property unless the report is submitted. The permit holder may only destroy the species and number of protected animals as listed on the permit. A reporting template will be provided upon granting of the permit and is also shown on the last page of the application form.

## How long does a permit last?

A permit cannot exceed 12 months in duration.

## Can the permit be transferred or varied?

No. A permit is not transferable and cannot be varied. Once a permit is granted, additional names cannot be added to the permit, nor names removed from the permit. A new permit will need to be applied for, assessed and issued if there is a change to the nominated persons who will operate under the permit or the conditions of the permit.

## Written permission of landowner

It is an offence to be on any land for the purpose of taking (e.g. destroying) a protected animal, or the eggs of a protected animal, unless that person has the written permission of the landowner to be on the land for that purpose. This written permission must have been given not more than six months beforehand.

## Department for Environment and Water responsibilities

The Department for Environment and Water abides by the Government of South Australia's [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#). The information required on this form is collected under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*. We collect this information to determine your eligibility for a permit, to issue the related permit and for compliance activities related to the permit. Your personal information will not be disclosed to a third party except in accordance with the [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#). Information held by the Department may be used by law enforcement agencies, as well as other uses provided for by law. Such access for approved purposes may be granted to other government agencies. When you complete this application form, understand that you have consented to the release of information provided by you, to other agencies for compliance and/or enforcement purposes.

You should only proceed with this application if you have read and understand the requirements that apply to this permit type.

## Where do I send my completed application form?

**Email:** [Wildlife@sa.gov.au](mailto:Wildlife@sa.gov.au)

**Post:** Wildlife Management Unit  
Department for Environment and Water  
GPO Box 1047  
Adelaide, SA, 5001

**Telephone enquiries:** (08) 8124 4972



Government of  
South Australia

Wildlife Management Unit  
Email: [DEW.WildlifePolicy@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEW.WildlifePolicy@sa.gov.au) Phone: (08) 8124 4912  
[www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-permits](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/licences-and-permits/wildlife-permits)



# Application for a Permit to Destroy Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis

Pursuant to section 53(1)(c) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and Regulation 5 of the National Parks and Wildlife (Hunting) Regulations 2011

Form not valid for use after June 2024

Part 1: Applicant relationship to the property impacted by wildlife			
<input type="checkbox"/> land owner		<input type="checkbox"/> manager/employee (land/property/infrastructure) *	
<input type="checkbox"/> pest control operator		<input type="checkbox"/> lessee*	
*I have permission from the landowner or infrastructure owner to make this application <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Part 2: Applicant information			
Your personal details			
Title	First name	Surname	Date of birth
Your residential address			
Street No.	Street name	City/suburb/town/locality	Post code
Your mailing address			
<input type="checkbox"/> as above			
e.g. Post Office Box		City/suburb/town	Post code
Your contact details			
Telephone number	Mobile number	Email	
Prior convictions			
Have you ever been convicted of an offence against the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, the Animal Welfare Act 1985, South Australian Firearms Legislation or equivalent interstate legislation? If yes, please provide details below.			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Description of offence	Year	State/Territory	



Part 3: Property location, size and use								
3.1 Location where you plan to destroy wildlife								
<b>Land tenure:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> public land <input type="checkbox"/> private land								
<b>Property name:</b> (if applicable)		<b>Property size:</b> (hectares or km <sup>2</sup> )						
<b>Descriptive property address:</b> (road location)								
3.2 Property details								
<b>Hundred</b> e.g. Adelaide	<b>Plan reference</b> include plan type (D, F etc.) and plan number e.g. D32868	<b>Parcel reference</b> include parcel type (A, Q etc.) and parcel numbers or range of parcel numbers e.g. A204, A207-A220						
<b>Approximate area of property affected (in hectares or % of area):</b>								
3.3 Primary use of property								
<b>For what purpose is your property/asset used?</b> Tick only those that apply to your situation.								
<input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (cropping)	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (orchard)	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary production (stock grazing)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Aviation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hobby farm						
<input type="checkbox"/> Marina	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> Private residence						
<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation of wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Public land (state, council)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure/warehousing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):							
Part 4: Wildlife causing impacts or damage and requested quantity to be destroyed								
4.1 Species and number on property								
Species common name	Estimate of numbers	Number to be destroyed						

<b>Part 5: Impacts or damage and non-lethal actions taken</b>			
<b>5.1 Frequency of wildlife impacts</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> First occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:			
<b>5.2 Impacts or damage to property or safety caused by wildlife (tick only those that apply to your situation)</b>			
<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Threatening human safety</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Impacting built environment/assets</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Impacting natural environment</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Impacting primary production</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Potential disease spread to humans</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Noise</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Fouling pasture, crops or water</div> <div style="width: 33%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):</div> </div>			
<b>5.3 Please provide a detailed description of the nature of impacts or damage caused</b>			
<b>5.3 Current actions to minimise impacts or damage</b>			
<b>Are you currently using non-lethal methods to minimise the impacts or damage caused by protected animals?</b>			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If 'No', please explain why:			
<b>If 'Yes', please describe below: (attach additional pages if required)</b>			
Species common name	Non-lethal methods used to minimise impact	Length of time trialed	Outcome of method

Part 6: Method of wildlife capture			
<b>Birds must only be trapped and gassed using the following minimum specifications:</b>			
Trap size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Tarpaulin size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Gas points	Maximum birds targeted
30	30	2	90
40	40	2	120
50	50	4	150
60	60	4	180
<b>6.1 Please provide a detailed description of the trap you will use (including dimensions and specifications).</b>			
Part 7: Consultation			
<b>7.1 If this is a community-wide program, please provide details of the consultation undertaken (attach additional information if required).</b>			
Part 8: Approved operators			
<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> If a permit is granted, please be aware that if any person listed below contravenes or fails to comply with any limitation, restriction, condition or provision of the permit, then you (as the permit holder) are also guilty of an offence under the Act. All persons who carry out the destruction of wildlife must comply with the <a href="#">Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis in South Australia</a>. Once a permit is granted additional names cannot be added to the permit.</p>			
<b>8.1 Accredited persons nominated to operate under a permit to destroy flocking birds by trapping and carbon dioxide narcosis</b>			
Full name	Residential address	Date of Accreditation	





# Report on taking protected animals (Permit to Destroy Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis)

## *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, section 53(4)*

TO:

The Director, National Parks and Wildlife

GPO Box 1047

Adelaide SA 5001

Email: [Wildlife@sa.gov.au](mailto:Wildlife@sa.gov.au)

Permit number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of permit holder: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Summary of animals taken

Trapping session	Date	Time	Operators	Species	Number destroyed
1					
2					

Signature: .....

Date: .....