

Permit to Destroy Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis

A Permit to Destroy Wildlife (for flocking birds by trapping and carbon dioxide narcosis) entitles the permit holder to destroy protected animals where they;

- 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.

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

It is an offence to destroy a protected animal without a permit.

Application processing time

Allow up to 4 weeks (20 business days). Complex wildlife management issues or incomplete applications may require further information and take longer to process.

Fees

No permit fee applies.

Assessment criteria

Permit applications are assessed with consideration to the following:

- use or effectiveness of non-lethal methods to manage impacts
- extent of economic or environmental damage being caused, or likely to be caused by wildlife
- threat to human safety by wildlife
- effectiveness of lethal methods to minimise impacts
- effect of lethal methods on conservation
- possession of the relevant training accreditation to undertake the method of destruction
- proposed lethal methods are humane and comply with the [Code of Practice for Humane Destruction of Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis in South Australia](#)
- applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a permit.

Trap and gas operators

Before this type of permit application can be approved you must have completed the department's training on trapping and gassing flocking birds. For information on how to register for a training session, please email wildlife@sa.gov.au.

A minimum of two accredited operators must be present to undertake trap and gas activities under a permit.

Your property details

You must provide specific property information on your application regarding where the animals will be trapped and destroyed, including a Hundred reference (e.g., Adelaide) and a Plan Parcel reference (e.g., D32868 A204).

You may source this information from a council rates notice or online using the [SA Property and Planning Atlas](#). Locate your property using the 'Search' or 'Zoom' instructions. Right click on your property to view the property information panel and find the Hundred and Plan Parcel necessary to complete your application.

Please list the details for all properties (parcels) on your application if you require trapping and destruction on multiple properties.

Permit conditions

It is an offense for the permit holder, or any person listed on a permit, not to comply with the conditions of a Permit to Destroy Wildlife.

Limitations, restrictions and conditions for the destruction of protected animals on a permit may include:

- species and quantity of animals that may be destroyed
- location(s) where destruction may take place
- persons additional to the permit holder who may undertake destruction
- methods of trapping and destruction comply with the [Code of Practice for Humane Destruction of Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis in South Australia](#)
- animal carcasses may not be removed from a property without approval
- a report specifying the species and number destroyed must be returned within 14 days of permit completion (i.e., when the permitted number of animals is reached) or within 14 days of permit expiry
- any additional conditions placed on the permit by the department.

Submit your application

Email: wildlife@sa.gov.au

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

Telephone enquiries: (08) 8124 4972

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*, Regulation 5 of the National Parks and Wildlife (Hunting) Regulations 2011 and National Parks and Wildlife (Wildlife) Regulations 2019

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| Part 1: Applicant relationship to the property impacted by wildlife | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> landowner | | <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 |
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| Your mailing address | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> as above | | | |
| e.g., Post Office Box | | City/suburb/town | Post code |
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| Your contact details | | | |
| Telephone number | Mobile number | Email | |
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| Prior convictions | | | |
| Have you ever been convicted of an offence against the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i> , the <i>Animal Welfare Act 1985</i> or equivalent interstate legislation? If yes, please provide details below. | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Description of offence | Year | State/Territory | |
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| Part 3: Property location, size and use | | | |
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| 3.1 Location where you plan to destroy wildlife | | | |
| Land tenure: <input type="checkbox"/> public land <input type="checkbox"/> private land | | | |
| Property name: (if applicable) | | Property size: (hectares or km ²) | |
| Descriptive property address: (road location) | | | |
| 3.2 Property details | | | |
| Find your property details on SAAPA . | | | |
| Hundred e.g. Moorowie | Plan reference include plan type (D, F etc.) and plan number e.g. D32868 | Parcel reference include parcel type (A, Q etc.) and parcel numbers or range of parcel numbers e.g. A204, A207-A220 | |
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| Approximate area of property affected (in hectares or % of area): | | | |
| 3.3 Primary use of property | | | |
| For what purpose is your property/asset used? 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 | |
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| Part 5: Impacts or damage and non-lethal actions taken | | | |
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| 5.1 Frequency of wildlife impacts | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First occurrence <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal <input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: | | | |
| 5.2 Impacts or damage to property or safety caused by wildlife (tick only those that apply to your situation) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Threatening human safety <input type="checkbox"/> Impacting built environment/assets <input type="checkbox"/> Impacting natural environment <input type="checkbox"/> Impacting primary production <input type="checkbox"/> Potential disease spread to humans <input type="checkbox"/> Noise <input type="checkbox"/> Fouling pasture, crops or water <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): | | | |
| 5.3 Please provide a detailed description of the nature of impacts or damage caused | | | |
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| 5.3 Current actions to minimise impacts or damage | | | |
| Are you currently using non-lethal methods to minimise the impacts or damage caused by protected animals? | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If 'No', please explain why: | | | |
| If 'Yes', please describe below: (attach additional pages if required) | | | |
| Species common name | Non-lethal methods used to minimise impact | Length of time trialed | Outcome of method |
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| Part 6: Method of wildlife capture | | | |
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| Birds must only be trapped and gassed using the following minimum specifications: | | | |
| Trap size (m ²) | Tarpaulin size (m ²) | Gas points | Maximum birds targeted |
| 30 | 30 | 2 | 90 |
| 40 | 40 | 2 | 120 |
| 50 | 50 | 4 | 150 |
| 60 | 60 | 4 | 180 |
| 6.1 Please provide a detailed description of the trap you will use (including dimensions and specifications). | | | |
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| Part 7: Consultation | | | |
| 7.1 If this is a community-wide program, please provide details of the consultation undertaken (attach additional information if required). | | | |
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| Part 8: Approved operators | | | |
| <p>IMPORTANT: You as the permit holder may be found guilty of an offense if you, or any person listed below, fails to comply with any permit condition. Anyone who destroys wildlife must also comply with other applicable laws (e.g., animal welfare, firearm, criminal laws).</p> <p>Additional names cannot be added to the permit once it has been granted. A new permit application will be required.</p> | | | |
| 8.1 Accredited persons nominated to operate under a permit to destroy flocking birds by trapping and carbon dioxide narcosis | | | |
| Full name | Residential address | Date of Accreditation | |
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| 8.2 Trapping experience of nominated operators | | | |
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| Full name | Experience undertaking trapping program | Year | Species |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | |

Please provide detail of trapping experience:

Part 9: Permit duration – maximum 12 months

☐ 3 months ☐ 6 months ☐ 9 months ☐ 12 months

Part 10: Permit delivery method

If a permit is granted, how do you want to receive the permit? ☐ Email ☐ Mail*

*Do you require a copy of the [Code of Practice for the Humane Destruction of Flocking Birds by Trapping and Carbon Dioxide Narcosis in South Australia](#) (as found on the DEW website) to be mailed?

☐ Yes, please mail me a copy. ☐ No, I have read, understood and will comply with the Code of Practice.

Part 11: Declaration by applicant *Form not valid for use after June 2026*

- I declare that the information included in this application is true and accurate.
- I understand there are penalties for making a false or misleading statement.
- I understand that a permit may be declined or granted with parameters different to those applied.
- I acknowledge that the information provided in this application may be used in accordance with the Government of South Australia's [Information Privacy Principles Instruction](#).

| Signature of applicant | Dated |
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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

Permit number: _____

Name of permit holder: _____

Address: _____

Summary of animals taken

| Trapping session | Date | Time | Operators | Species | Number destroyed |
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Permit holder signature: _____

Date: _____