

Birds

The below information outlines the allowable limits for keeping birds in Ipswich:

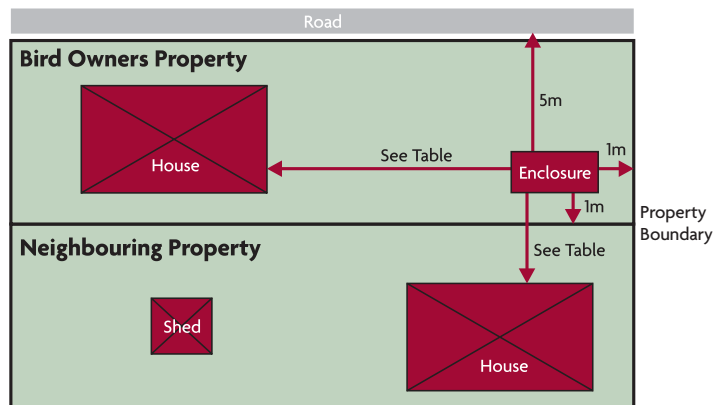
No Permit Required	Standard Permit	Non-Standard Permit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping up to 2 birds on land 350m² or more Keeping up to 12 birds on land 700m² or more Keeping up to 25 birds on land 1,000m² or more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bird Permit: keeping up to 50 birds on land 1,000m² or more but not more than 25 peacocks, guinea fowl, electus parrots or birds from the cockatoo family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bird Permit: keeping birds above allowable “No Permit” or “Standard Permit” limits

Owners must meet the below **minimum standards** as set out in Council’s Local Laws or face possible penalty:

- All birds and poultry **must be confined** within an enclosure appropriate for the number of birds, the size and the breed.
- All enclosures must be 1m from the property boundary and 5m from any road or public land.
- Construction and maintenance of the enclosure must prevent vermin.
- Food for birds and poultry must be kept in a vermin-proof container.
- Enclosures must be minimum distances from any residential buildings (see below table).

Number of birds	Min. distance of an enclosure from any residential building or premises	Minimum land size
1-2	10 metres*	350m ²
3-12	15 metres	700m ²
13-20	20 metres	1,000m ²
21-25	25 metres	1,000m ²

* Exclusions apply where small birds are kept in portable cages



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Bird Nuisance

It is a breach of Council's Local Laws to allow birds to become a nuisance.

The following tips may help avoid nuisance issues:

- Cover the cage/enclosure or take the bird(s) inside the house just before dusk and until after sunrise in the morning.
- Put poultry into a dark, fully enclosed roosting area separate from the general run at night, then let them out at a reasonable time in the morning. This enclosed area helps to muffle crowing noise and may also help protect the bird(s) from night predators.

Magpies

Magpies are a protected species. If the bird is nesting in, or attacking from, a tree located within private property, Council is unable to enter this area. The following techniques will help protect you and your family from magpie attacks:

- DO NOT deliberately provoke or harass a magpie as this can make the bird more defensive.
- Bike riders: Walk with bike through magpie territory, wear a helmet and fit an orange traffic flag.
- If possible, avoid areas where magpies are known to swoop.
- Locate the bird and keep watching it when entering magpie territory.
- DO NOT crouch in fear or stop if swooped on – move quickly but don't run.
- Wear a hat or carry an umbrella to protect yourself.

Contact the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service on 1300 130 372 for more information or visit their website (www.derm.qld.gov.au) for other useful information about magpies.

Wild Pigeons

Council does not offer any services to remove or trap wild pigeons. Residents who experience problems with wild pigeons should contact a private pest contractor.

Injured Birds

If you encounter an injured or sick bird, it is recommended you contact the RSPCA on (07) 3426 9955 or (if possible) take it to a veterinarian.

For more information on bird requirements in Ipswich please visit www.ipswich.qld.gov.au

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