Australian Government

H5 avian influenza (bird flu)
Communication resources for veterinary professionals and wildlife carers

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Professional resources

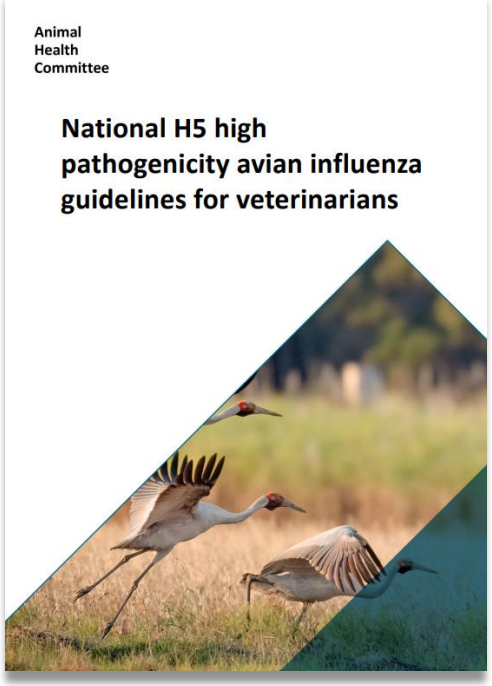
Technical guidance for veterinarians and wildlife carers.

Veterinary guidelines

National H5 high pathogenicity avian influenza guidelines for veterinarians

Guidance for preparing veterinary practices, managing H5 bird flu risks and responding to suspected or confirmed cases.

Download veterinary guidelines (PDF)



Suggested use: Use to support practice biosecurity planning, triage and management of suspected H5 bird flu cases.

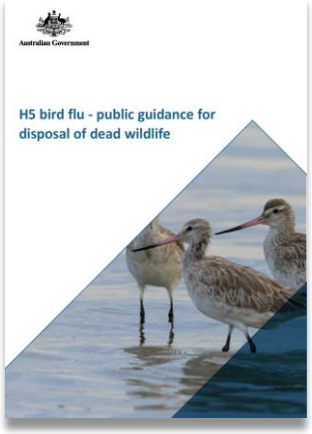
Guidance for managing sick or dead wildlife



Carcass management

Advice on what to do when people find sick or dead wildlife, helping reduce disease spread.

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Disposal of dead wildlife

Guidance on safe collection and disposal, including hygiene and reporting considerations.

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Suggested use: Use to advise people who find sick or dead wildlife. Share the client factsheets for concise instructions and follow local advice.

Resources for your clients

Posters and factsheets you can display or share.

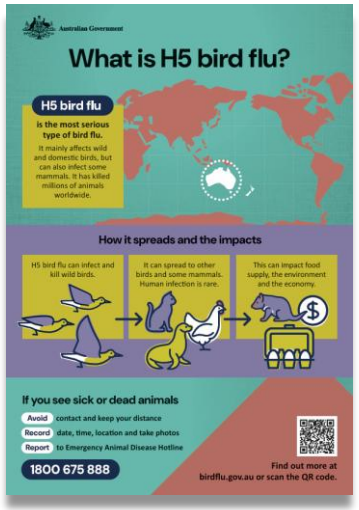
Key messages

When discussing H5 bird flu, please encourage people to:

- Stay informed using trusted government sources.
- Avoid contact with sick or dead birds and wildlife.
- Keep pets away from sick or dead birds.
- Strengthen biosecurity practices for backyard birds and poultry.
- Report sick or dead birds to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on **1800 675 888**.
- For the most up-to-date information and advice on H5 bird flu, visit **birdflu.gov.au**.



Infographics



What is H5 bird flu?

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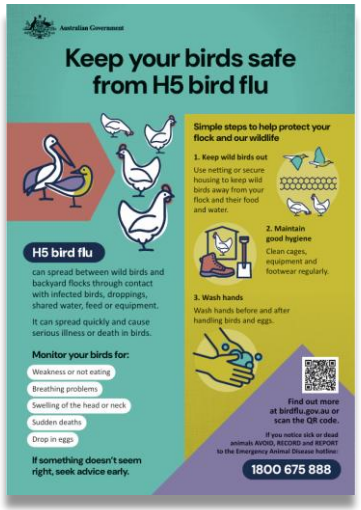
Help spot H5 bird flu

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H5 bird flu impacts on wildlife

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Keep your birds safe from H5 bird flu

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Suggested use: Share through social media, newsletters, webpages and stakeholder communications, or print and display as posters in clinics and community spaces to explain key H5 bird flu information.

Posters



H5 bird flu: wildlife awareness

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H5 bird flu: pet birds and chickens

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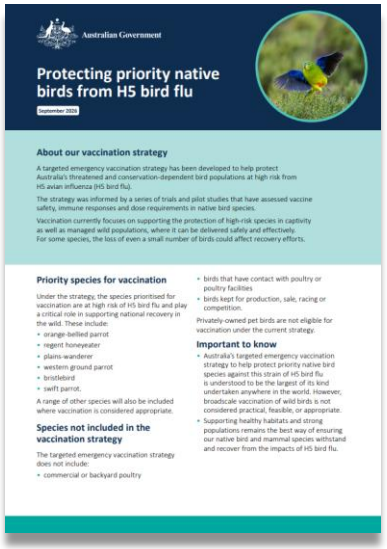


Keep your birds safe

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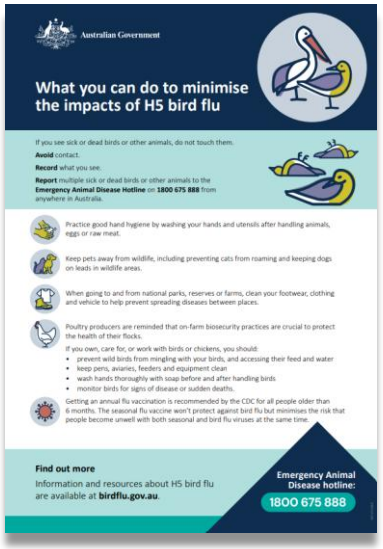
Suggested use: Display in high-traffic areas to reinforce key H5 bird flu messages and direct people to **birdflu.gov.au** for more information.

Factsheets



Protecting priority native birds from H5 bird flu

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Minimising H5 bird flu impacts

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Advice for handling sick or dead birds

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Checklist for disposing of dead wildlife

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Suggested use: Share as handouts or online to explain native bird vaccination, ways to reduce H5 bird flu impacts and precautions for disposing of dead wildlife.

Safe disposal of dead birds and wildlife



Safe disposal on private property

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Safe burial of dead birds and wildlife

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Safe disposal in general waste bins

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Suggested use: Share with clients who need to dispose of dead birds or wildlife on their property. These factsheets explain safe disposal options and precautions to protect people and animals. Report sick or dead wildlife and follow relevant authority and local disposal advice before acting.

Thank you

By displaying these resources and sharing trusted information through your networks, you can help support community awareness, encourage early reporting and reinforce practical actions that help protect Australia's animals, wildlife and biosecurity.

For the latest information and additional resources, visit **birdflu.gov.au**.

