



Ibis in Fairfield City Fact Sheet

The Australian White Ibis

The Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*) is a native waterbird but can survive in dry environments. It is also sometimes known as a 'sacred ibis' or 'bin chicken'.

The Ibis has white body plumage and black head and neck. The head is featherless with a long downward curved black bill.

Ibis habitat

Ibis are native to wetlands and grasslands in South Eastern Australia, including in Fairfield City.

Numbers have grown in urban areas due to abundant food sources from bins and people feeding them bread and other food, leading to them sometimes becoming pest animals.

Protecting Ibis

The Australian White Ibis is a native animal, the ibis is protected by the National Parks and Wildlife Act (1974).

This means it is illegal to disturb adult or juvenile ibises, their eggs or their nests.

Do NOT feed wild native birds

It is vital that you don't interfere with native animals.

This includes not feeding them, disturbing their nests or acting aggressively towards them.

If you find an ibis or any other native animals that looks injured or in distress, you should contact Sydney Wildlife or WIRES and follow their instructions.

