

# living with wildlife

## Cassowaries

Cassowaries are an endangered species found throughout the rainforests and nearby woodlands and swamps of North Queensland.

These large flightless birds play an important role in the dispersal of rainforest plant seeds.

Cassowary populations face a variety of threats and, as habitat disappears, human contact with cassowaries is increasing.

### Be cass-O-wary!

Cassowaries are potentially dangerous. Avoid unnecessary risks and help protect cassowaries by following these guidelines in cassowary territory.

- **Never** approach cassowaries.
- **Never** approach chicks—male cassowaries will defend them.
- **Never** feed cassowaries—it is illegal, dangerous and has caused cassowary deaths.
- **Never** stop your vehicle to look at cassowaries on the road.
- **Always** slow down when driving in cassowary territory.
- **Always** keep dogs behind fences or on a leash.
- **Always** discard food scraps in closed bins.

**Keep cassowaries in the forest—  
not the urban fringe!**

**Report cassowary sightings and incidents**  
phone: 1300 130 372

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