

## Masked lapwing

Hi everyone I will be telling you why the masked lapwing is the obvious choice but first I will be telling you about this remarkable bird. The masked lapwing is a large, common and conspicuous bird native to Australia, particularly the northern and eastern parts of the continent, New Zealand and New Guinea.

The Masked lapwing eats insects and their larvae, and earthworms. Most food is obtained from just below the surface of the ground, but some may also be taken above the surface. Birds are normally seen feeding alone, in pairs or in small groups and it spends most of it's time on the ground searching for food.

The Masked Lapwing is notorious for its defence of it's nesting site. This is particularly the case after the chicks have hatched. Adult birds will dive on intruders, or act as though they have a broken wing in an attempt to lure the intruder away from the nest.

Bigger birds can threaten the masked lapwing.

To protect this bird, watch where you walk as Masked lapwings nest on the ground amongst the grass. Check for eggs before mowing the lawn. Keep your pets away from areas where Masked lapwings are nesting. Give Masked lapwings space during the three weeks they sit on their eggs.

So that's why I know this remarkable bird also known as the Plover should go up on the Caragabal Bird Art Installation on the shed near the railway track.

Thank you for listening.

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