

Owning birds

Council regulates the keeping of birds in the Rockhampton Region including how many, what type, how and where birds can be kept.

Prohibitions for the keeping of birds

If your allotment is less than 801m², you will not be able to keep more than 20 birds of the same or different species.

If you allotment is between 801m² and 2,500m², you will not be able to keep more than 40 birds of the same or different species.

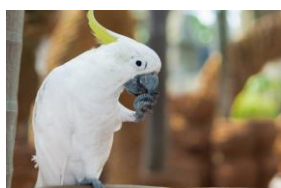
Approval to keep birds

Approval is required if:

- If you wish to keep more than 10 birds (other than nuisance birds) on an allotment less than 801m².
- If you wish to keep more than 20 but not more than 40 birds (other than nuisance birds) on an allotment between 801m² and 2 500m².
- A nuisance bird on an allotment less than 20,000m².

If you are keeping birds for a commercial purpose, you may also require a planning approval.

Examples of nuisance birds



Standards for keeping birds

The keeper must ensure:

- the birds are kept contained within an enclosed cage or aviary not less than 2m from side and rear boundaries
- the cage or aviary is thoroughly cleaned at least once a week
- that any enclosure in which the bird is kept is properly maintained
- that waste water from enclosures are drained and run-off is kept off adjoining properties
- that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent the bird from being a noise nuisance that is offensive
- racing pigeons are kept at the rear of, or behind any residence on the allotment, not less than 2m from the side and rear boundaries
- bird food is kept in sealed containers
- poultry pens are not situated within a 10m radius of: another residence; food preparation area; or food storage area, and not less than 2m from the side and rear boundaries.

Requirements for racing pigeons

If your allotment is 800m² or more, an approval is required to keep racing pigeons.

It is illegal to keep racing pigeons on an allotment with an area less than 800m².

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