

Golden-crested Mynah

**Scientific Name:**

Ampeliceps coronatus

Range:

South China, Eastern India, central and south Burma, Thailand (except central area), northern Malaysia, and southern Indochina.

Habitat:

Lowland forests

Average Size:

Length: about 8 inches

Weight: 2.8-3.5 ounces

Lifespan:

About 15-20 years

Diet:

Wild: Insects, fruits, seeds and berries

Zoo: Bird crumble mix, sweet potato, grapes, lettuce, apples, bananas, other fruit and vegetables

Reproduction:

Incubation: 11-14 days

Clutch size: 1-7 eggs

Appearance:

Like most mynahs, the entire body of this species is a lovely glossy black. The head, crest and wing primaries are a brilliant golden color.

Predators:

Birds of prey, tree-going reptiles, and cats

Population Status:

Stable

**About the Animal**

Mynahs belong to the largest order of birds, *Passeriforme*, which includes birds like starlings, finches, sparrows, and robins, to name a few. They are curious and charismatic and like other birds to which it is related, is an excellent mimic.

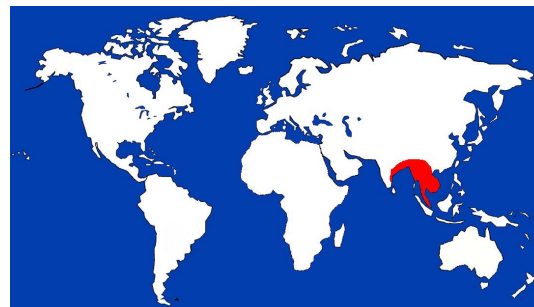
During the 20th century, several different species of mynah were imported to Australia, Hawaii and the contiguous US in order to control insect populations.

Mating and Reproduction

Although the female mynah has job of incubating the eggs, both parents share the responsibility for feeding the hatchlings. Hatchlings grow rapidly and fledge 24-26 days after hatching.

Amazing Information

The word 'mynah' is derived from the Sanskrit word for 'joyful' and the word for 'bubbles'. Mynah literally translated means 'bubbling with joy'.



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