



Hunter Bird Observers Club

Affiliated with BirdLife Australia

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Re: Sale of Rodenticides

Hunter Bird Observers Club Inc. (HBOC) based in Newcastle NSW has a membership of over 400. Although the Club is based in Newcastle NSW membership includes members from other areas in NSW and from interstate. Our website is www.hboc.org.au.

Aims of HBOC:

to encourage and further the study and conservation of Australian birds and their habitat
and
to encourage bird observing as a leisure-time activity.

Our activities include monthly regular outings, evening meetings, camps and field studies.

HBOC promotes systematic field studies which include regular surveys by volunteers from the membership. All data gathered from field studies are entered into the national database, Birddata, administered by BirdLife Australia. Data are used to underpin conservation issues.

HBOC has a long history of working in collaboration with local councils, national parks, industry and schools.

We ask Bunnings as the largest hardware and garden supply company in Australia to remove from its shelves toxic rodenticides aimed at killing mice and rats but which inadvertently poison birds and other native animals. These poisons are particularly dangerous to our large birds of prey, ten of which are on the Threatened Species lists. Five species of owl: Eastern Grass Owl, Greater Sooty Owl, Masked Owl, Powerful Owl and Barking Owl, and five other raptor species: Osprey, Little Eagle, Black Falcon, Little Eagle and Square-tailed Kite are listed as Vulnerable in NSW.

As apex predators, these and other birds of prey play an important ecological role in maintaining the environmental health of their natural habitat by removing old, sick and weak animals from prey populations, and keeping other prey species populations under control. They are pivotal in controlling pest species of rodents.

By removing these products from shelves, Bunnings Warehouse will be helping prevent accidental poisoning of threatened native species.

We look forward to your reply,

Yours faithfully,

Ann Lindsey Co-ordinator for Hunter Bird Observers Club Inc. 27/09/2021