

Hygiene Protocols for the Prevention  
and Control of Diseases  
(Particularly Beak and Feather Disease)  
in Australian Birds

Checklist for the Clinical  
Evaluation of Wild Birds



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# Checklist for Clinical Evaluation of Wild Birds.

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Clinical examination of wild birds is covered in the section [Full Checklist for Clinical Evaluation of Captive Birds](#), with the following variation for history:

## **History**

- Site and date of collection
- Species, sex, date and location of collection
- Name and contact details of finder
- Is sickness related to age (young, old)?
- Reproductive status?
- Is this the only bird sick/dead, or are more than one sick/dead?
- Are more than one species involved?
- Are there any recent changes in the environment - storms, rain, temperature?
- Any treatment received prior to examination?
- Any unusual behaviour or physical appearance?
- How many birds are at risk in the area?