

Safety Bulletin No.	2020 12	Date Issued	1 st December 2020
Subject	Peewee nesting season		
Area of Concern	Persons near AMC being swooped by peewees		
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Introduction


Over recent days we have had reports of peewees swooping on staff walking from AMC to the terminal via the front door. It is the nesting season for peewees which goes from August – January. I believe the birds in question may be nesting on or near the trees at the front of the AMC (photo refers).



Action

- If walking from the AMC to the terminal, consider using rear door to avoid the area.
- Review the attached Parks and Wildlife brochure or visit their website.
- Please report any incidents of attacks so we can monitor the situation at safety@ntairports.com.au

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 Northern Territory Government

Swooping Around

Name: Peewee, also known as Mudlark or Magpie Lark, *Grallina cyanoleuca*.

Behaviour: Peewees share our environment. Most Peewees are not aggressive towards people, however if they feel threatened, some may swoop to defend their families. This swooping usually stops once the chicks have left the nest.

Nesting: Main nesting season August – January.

How can I avoid being swooped?

- Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- Take an alternative walking/cycling route.
- Do not give Peewees any reason to feel threatened. Walk by them normally. If you are cycling, wear a helmet and get off your bike near them to avoid an accident.
- Make a pair of 'eyes' to attach to the back of your hat or helmet (Peewees do not like being watched).

Swooping hotspots in Darwin include:

Airport Management Centre
1 Parkton Court, Eaton

Male

Female

Peewees are a native Australian species and are protected in the Northern Territory.

Call Wildlife Operations, Darwin
for more information 08 8995 5008

