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It's all-out war... nemesis of the mynas Carry Cunich and one of his traps.

Pests targeted

SCOURGE of Indian mynas and starlings, Hills resident Garry Cunich, is recruiting an army of helpers and seeking government funding to take his war on the bothersome birds to a new level.

He needs financial help to design and build new traps, including a mobile device he expects will catch up to 600 birds a day.

And he needs more members for a planned incorporated myna destruction association to promote public understanding of his work and to assist with humane disposal of trapped birds.

A sophisticated new trap design that can be operated in diverse locations will, Mr Cunich hopes, soon be in use in every state where the exotic birds are a serious threat to native wildlife.

By taking thousands of mynas a year out

of the breeding cycle, the species will die out.

Mr Cunich, of West Pennant Hills, said volunteer helpers would assist with administration, publicity and fundraising through presence at "field days and other suitable gatherings".

"Sub-groups will be formed wherever volunteers can be found who wish to join in the action to save our native birds and marsupials," he said.

He has approached the NSW Government's environment and primary industry departments for funding to help reduce the price of traps and refine his mobile trap design for use in parks, by roadsides and on country properties.

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