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# CASS-O-WARY!

Cassowaries are an endangered species found throughout the rainforests and nearby woodlands and swamps of North Queensland. These large flightless birds play an important role in the dispersal of rainforest plant seeds. Cassowary populations face a variety of threats and, as habitat disappears, human contact with cassowaries is increasing. Cassowary behaviour is unpredictable—they are known to kick with their large clawed feet and this can be dangerous for people and pets.

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**Cassowaries are potentially dangerous. Avoid unnecessary risks and help protect cassowaries by following these guidelines in cassowary territory.**

- Never approach cassowaries.
- Never approach chicks—male cassowaries will defend them.
- Never feed cassowaries—it is illegal, dangerous and has caused cassowary deaths.
- Always slow down when driving in cassowary territory.
- Never stop your vehicle to look at cassowaries on the road.
- Keep dogs behind fences or on a leash.
- Always discard food scraps in closed bins.

**Report cassowary sightings and incidents by phoning 1300 130 372 or by emailing <[cassowary.sighting@derm.qld.gov.au](mailto:cassowary.sighting@derm.qld.gov.au)>.**

*Keep cassowaries in the forest—not the urban fringe!*

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