

# Animal pests

This task is about animal pests and their control.



Rabbit



Magpie



Wasp



Ferret



Possum

a) Select the name of the animal below to match the reason why they are a pest.

*Rabbits/ Magpies/ Wasps/ Ferrets/ Possums* eat important foods of our native birds and will raid beehives for food. They are a danger to forestry workers and anyone allergic to them.

*Rabbits/ Magpies/ Wasps/ Ferrets/ Possums* damage and strip trees and eat our native birds' eggs.

*Rabbits/ Magpies/ Wasps/ Ferrets/ Possums* eat grass needed for cows, sheep and horses, and their burrows cause land damage.

*Rabbits/ Magpies/ Wasps/ Ferrets/ Possums* swoop and attack native birds and people, especially during their breeding season.

*Rabbits/ Magpies/ Wasps/ Ferrets/ Possums* are a threat to native ground animals and birds. When bird sanctuaries are set up this animal has to be stopped from attacking our wildlife.

Regional councils help to control some pests and give advice on all pests. Use this chart to answer the question below.

Animal Pest	Who must control the pest	Pest removal
Possums	Landowner	Council in some key areas
Rabbits	Landowner	Council on some riverbeds
Magpies		Council
Wasps	Landowner	
Ferrets, stoats and weasels	Landowner	

b) Name **two** animal pests that the landowner needs to help control. **Choose two**

Possums

Rabbits

Magpies

Wasps

Ferrets

c) Identify **all** the animals that the Council could control directly to keep numbers down.

**Choose all that apply**

Possums

Rabbits

Magpies

Wasps

Ferrets

d) Give one reason why the Council gives advice and education on pest control.

e) Name one other animal you know of that the Council helps to control and has rules about where it's allowed to go and how it must be cared for.

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