## 7 GOOD REASONS NOT TO FEED WATERFOWL

MANY PEOPLE ENJOY FEEDING WATER BIRDS IN PARKS, GARDENS NEAR PONDS AND RIVERS. BUT IS IT USEFUL AND HEALTHY FOR THE BIRDS IN QUESTION?

- 1. The ingredients in human food are not suitable for wild birds and consuming it can give them health problems.
- 2. Wild birds need nutrients from their own natural food sources.
- 3. If we overfeed waterbirds, they become dependent on this unsuitable food and do not pass on the necessary skills for obtaining natural food to the next generation.
- 4. In nature, the number of wild animals depends on the amount of natural food resources available. When animals are overfed, they overpopulate, which in turn leads to competition and struggles for food. This increases aggressive behaviour among birds.
- 5. Unconsumed food pollutes the water and the surrounding area, causing an overgrowth of bacteria and an increase in diseases that can spread rapidly and kill the birds.
- 6. We are usually not the only ones who feed birds. Our actions set the wrong examples for other people. Feeding then becomes more of a nuisance for the whole neighbourhood.
- 7. By feeding birds, we also feed rats, which then stick to these places, breed quickly, transmit dangerous diseases and are difficult to get rid of.

If you encounter unhealthy looking wildlife, damage to greenery or adjacent equipment, please inform us immediately at 283 091 111 Recommended by the Municipality of Prague 9.

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