

CHANGES IN THE RELATIVE ABUNDANCE OF RAPTORS AND HOUSE MICE IN WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES

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In western New South Wales, the relative abundance of both diurnal birds of prey and house mice was monitored at frequent intervals over a threeyear period. The abundance of mouse-eating raptors was positively correlated with that of house mice, and these birds appeared to be responding to changes in mouse abundance. This suggests that the role of birds of prey should be considered in future control strategies for rodent pests.