

# **Deliberate Misuse of the Organophosphorous Pesticide, Fenthion-ethyl, to Poison Birds in Victoria**

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Fifteen incidents of native birds being poisoned by deliberate misuse of the pesticide, fenthion-ethyl, were detected in Victoria between 1972 and 1982. A total of 1 374 birds, representing 15 different species, was found dead at the 15 poison sites. Difficulties in assessing the number of birds being killed in Victoria by this pesticide are discussed.