

Like all good parents, birds that swoop are just protecting their young.

The best way to avoid being swooped is to avoid the area for a few weeks: once their babies can fly the swooping will stop.

If you can't avoid the area, take a few precautions:

- Wear a hat or carry an umbrella
- If you're riding a bike, dismount and walk.
- You're less of a threat if you're moving slowly.
- Don't behave aggressively: you'll just give them more reason to think humans are a threat.

If any of the birds are injured, please contact Wildlife Victoria on (03) 8400 7300 for advice. www.wildlifevictoria.org.au