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If you are in a Cassowary area:

Don't feed cassowaries: and dispose of food waste safely in secure bins.

Drive carefully: watch out for crossing signs... and cassowaries! Flash your headlights to alert other drivers.

Control your dogs: keep them secured, especially at night.

Avoid confrontation: Cassowaries can attack when defending eggs or chicks. Remain calm and back away slowly. Don't run, cassowaries can run faster than most people!

Reporting sightings: if you see an injured cassowary RSPCA Qld on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625).

To help build local knowledge, report non-urgent sightings via email: cassowary.sighting@ehp.qld.gov.au



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Who am I?

I evolved millions of years ago.

I live in the Wet Tropics of Australia.

I am the third largest flightless bird in the world.

I am a keystone species and play a critical role in rainforest diversity.

I am endangered.

I am losing my home.

I NEED YOUR HELP.

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Find out how you can help at:
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FIVE facts

The Southern Cassowary

1. is endemic to Far North Queensland;
2. is the third largest bird on the planet;
3. descended directly from the dinosaurs about 80 million years ago;
4. acts as a 'Rainforest Gardener' dispersing seeds in its droppings to replant the rainforest; and
5. is endangered, because it is estimated that fewer than 1,000 are left in the wild.

The name 'Cassowary' comes from two Papuan words 'kasu' (horned) and 'weri' (head).

WHY is the Southern Cassowary in danger?

Many threats endanger the Southern Cassowary, mostly because of increasing human presence in its habitat, including:

- **Loss of rainforest habitat** from clearing, logging, roads and invasive species such as feral pigs;
- **Vehicle strikes** which caused 104 cassowary deaths between 1992 and January 2014¹;
- **Feral** and free-ranging domestic dogs are a major cause of death and injury;
- **Diseases** such as *avian tuberculosis*;
- **Cyclones** that destroy habitat and food sources; and
- **Climate change** will affect weather patterns, further challenging the Southern Cassowary's survival.

¹ Data source: Queensland DEHP and Garners Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Centre

WHAT'S being done about it?

Rainforest Rescue's **Buy Back and Protect** protects rainforests forever. We have purchased 22 properties already, but there are still many High Conservation Value properties in the Daintree Lowlands.

We will manage the **Garners Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Centre at Mission Beach** under a partnership with the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection and Giringun Aboriginal Corporation to provide intensive care and rehabilitation for sick and injured cassowaries and orphaned chicks.

We will collaborate with academic institutions and zoos on **research** to learn more about this living dinosaur and its contribution to rainforest biodiversity.

WHY is the Cassowary important to me?



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The Southern Cassowary has held important physical, cultural and spiritual significance for the Aboriginal peoples of Northern Queensland for many thousands of years.

The Traditional Owners respect the role the cassowary plays in maintaining the rainforest.

In the modern world, it's easy to forget the role rainforests play. Rainforests support and regulate many of the planet's most critical natural processes: rainfall, absorption of carbon dioxide, and combating climate change. These '**eco-system services**' are estimated to be worth trillions of dollars per year globally.



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