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Front Cover: **THE COMMON MYNA**

The common myna (*Acridotheres tristis*), also known as the "Indian myna" is a member of the family of starlings and native to Asia. The International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has declared this bird as one of the world's most invasive species which pose an impact to biodiversity, agriculture and human interests. In Israel, Mynas escaped a bird zoo in Tel Aviv in the 1990s and quickly spread all over the center of the country and perhaps further. They actively compete with local birds for nesting locations and food.