

Dead birds investigated

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DEPARTMENT of Parks and Wildlife officers are investigating a spate of unexplained bird deaths throughout Harvey.

Concerned residents contacted the department last week to report a number of dead corellas located across the town including Lee Street, Uduc Road and Young Street.

Department officers collected

20 dead corellas and one pink and grey galah from Apex Park which were then given to the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Veterinary surgeons were conducting autopsies to determine a cause of death.

"Following this (an autopsy report), a decision will be made to determine whether additional samples are required to be sent to a laboratory for testing," a DPaW

spokesman said. "It is important that people do not touch the dead corellas with their bare hands and ensure that plastic gloves are worn when disposing of them."

DPaW officers are working with the Harvey Shire Council to collect and dispose of any further dead birds found at the townsite or in surrounding areas. The DPaW spokesman urged residents not to put the dead birds in their regular garbage bin.