

## Taiwan Blue Magpie Brooding Season: Avoid Attacks with Umbrellas and Hats

Our Tamsui campus has a rich ecosystem. The path in front of the Main Engineering Building and the College of Education is a territory of the Taiwan Blue Magpie. These blue beauties are often seen flying among the trees. Their breeding season is from April to August each year. Their strong protective instincts drive them to attack when they feel that they or their nests are threatened.

The Taiwan Blue Magpie, also known as the Taiwan Magpie, Formosan Blue Magpie, or Long-tailed Mountain Lady, is an endemic bird species of Taiwan. They must not be disturbed or driven away. Attacking them may violate the Wildlife Conservation Act. The Student Affairs Office and the General Affairs Office have increased awareness efforts and posted warning signs at the Five-Tiger Hill Parking Lot and the sidewalk in front of the Main Engineering Building. Faculty, staff, and students can protect themselves by using umbrellas, wearing hats, or taking a detour when passing through areas with Taiwan Blue Magpie nests. They should avoid turning their backs on the magpies to prevent attacks. It is advisable to remain calm while walking and avoid threatening gestures towards the magpies. If attacked, please visit the Sanitation and Fitness Section or a relevant medical facility to examine and treat any injuries.

Ping-Jun Chen, a junior from the Information and Library Science Department, stated, "The school has already provided relevant information regarding the Blue Magpie incidents, which clearly shows the richness of the campus's natural ecosystem. I understand the protective nature of the Blue Magpie mothers. Next time I pass through areas with Blue Magpie nests, I will use an umbrella to protect myself and avoid being attacked."

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