

Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
“Don’t Feed Wild Animals and Feral Pigeons” Series
“The Vanished Food” Transcript

Super: The Vanished Food

A family was having a picnic at a country park. Sally, Dad and Grandpa were playing while Mum was preparing food. She was calling them for lunch when they realised some of their food had gone missing.

Mum: Food’s ready, dear.
Sally: Hey, where’re my crisps?
Dad: Wait, the biscuits are gone, too!
Mum: And the bread!
Sally, Mum & Dad: How come?
Grandpa: Oh, have the food grown legs?
Sally: Don’t be silly, Grandpa!
Dad: I think I know what happened. The answer is right here in this country park.
Let’s go!
Sally, Mum & Dad: Right!

Dad led everyone on an investigation, passing nice scenery on their way. Suddenly they heard a young girl screaming and went to see what happened.

Girl: Hey! It’s not food!
Dad: Look, there’s a girl over there
Mum: Are you alright?
Girl: I’m ok. I was carrying a plastic bag with my jacket in it. The monkeys thought it’s food so they just snatched it.
Sally: Look! There’re so many monkeys!

Grandpa discovered that they were surrounded by monkeys. Dad was on his guard and reminded the kids to be careful.

Dad: Too many people come to feed them that they’re no longer afraid of human.
Next time you’d better put away your plastic bag.
Sally: Grandpa! What are you doing over there?

Grandpa was excited to see the monkeys and took an apple from a plastic bag, trying to feed them. Sally tried to stop him. A monkey snatched Grandpa’s bag and scared him.

Sally: Grandpa! Oh my, that monkey’s staring at me!
Grandpa: Hurry, let’s go!

Dad explained patiently to the family why they shouldn’t feed monkeys.

Dad: It’s these monkeys who took our food. They are wild animals of this area living on fruits and leaves here and they hardly disturb people proactively. But people keep feeding them and altered their habits. Now they no longer fear us humans and would even snatch food.

Grandpa: Well, maybe we shouldn't feed them but it's ok to leave them leftovers, right?

Mum: No, it's not ok. Once they get used to our food, they'll lose the ability to forage in the wild and they'll grow in numbers, too. There're so many different plants they can eat around here. Why bother feeding them?

Grandpa: In that case.....I'll pack away our leftovers and take it home.

Sally: Grandpa, you can't feed monkeys but you can feed me!

Grandpa: Alright! I'll cut an apple and feed you monkey! Let's go home.

Grandpa was convinced. The family left the country park, leaving the monkeys in peace.

The super "Tips on monkeys" appear.

MVO: According to the law, it is an offence to feed monkeys in specified areas including Kam Shan, Lion Rock and Shing Mun Country Park. Upon conviction, the maximum penalty is a fine of HK\$10,000. Meanwhile, the government has cultivated plenty of food plants for monkeys in the concerned country parks. So let's stop feeding.

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