

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 10)



## Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)



### Local Status – Rare

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk

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Largest cormorant with black plumage, yellowish face and white patch on side of head and flank when breeding.

**Bird Size** - 80-85cm.

**Food** - Fish, in large quantities.

**Nest style** - Bulky platform.

**Material used** - Sticks.

**Nest Site** - In a tree over water, occasionally on the ground or cliff ledge, usually with other cormorants, herons and spoonbills.

**Breeding Season & Details** - Most months, depending on food supply. Lays 3-4 eggs.

**Habits** - Singles to large flocks. Feeds on inland rivers, coastal bays and inlets. Swims under water for up to a minute and dries its wings by sitting on tree branches, piers etc. Flies in long lines, or sometimes in a 'v' formation across wide stretches of land or water.