

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 10)



### **Pied Cormorant** (*Phalacrocorax varius*)



#### **Local Status - Uncommon**

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

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Not nearly as common as the Little Black Cormorant in our region, and largest white-breasted cormorant, with orange-yellow facial skin between eye and bill when breeding.

**Bird Size** - 70-75cm.

**Food** - Aquatic life.

**Nest style** - A large platform.

**Material used** - Generally dry sticks, sometimes with leaves attached, and at times lined with green leaves, waterweed or feathers. Also builds another type of nest that include grass, seaweed, shrubbery, and sticks.

**Nest Site** - Trees in the water of inland swamps, up to ten metres high. May also nest in mangroves or on offshore islands.

**Breeding Season & Details** - Either September to December or March to July depending on seasonal conditions and range. Two to five eggs laid once a year.

**Habits** - Similar to the Little Black Cormorant, most often frequenting marine environments with deep water.