

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 10)



Radjah Shelduck (*Tadorna radjah*)



Local Status – Very Rare

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

(Photography by Matthew Nielsen)

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* Listed as Rare under the Endangered Species Protection Act.

A very rare stray to our region, also known as the "Burdekin Duck". Colourful, with a dark rusty brown back, white head, neck, underparts, and rusty-red chest band.

Bird Size - 48-60cm

Food - Aquatic plants, crabs, molluscs, and other marine life.

Nest style - A tree hollow

Material used - Usually nil, though sometimes a small amount of down used in the nest chamber.

Nest Site - The limb or trunk of a tree in or close to water up to twenty metres high.

Breeding Season & Details - December to June varying with seasonal conditions. Four to fifteen eggs are laid once a year.

Habits - In pairs or flocks sometimes numbering two hundred. It prefers the shallow water of freshwater lakes and swamps, but also visits mangroves. Often stands on a bank, log, or in shallow water.

*(Scheduled Bird, Taxon status within Queensland only. Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation 1994 and its amendments)