

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 10)



### Shining Flycatcher (*Myiagra alecto*)

Juvenile



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Male

A very rare bird in our region, the male being an overall shining blue-black, while the female is a bright rufous with a black head & white underparts, the juvenile form being similar.

**Bird Size** - 17.5cm

**Food** - Insects

**Nest style** - Cup-shaped

**Material used** - Similar to Leaden Flycatcher, but the construction more untidy & with much less Spider-webbing.

**Nest Site** - In the thin fork of a tree, Mangrove or vine overhanging water one to two metres above the surface.

**Breeding Season & Details** - September to February with two to three eggs laid once a year.

**Habits** - Inhabits Mangroves, Tea Tree Swamps, Rainforest, & the margins of coastal streams. Its' call is a melodious trilling, & a harsh frog-like "Cheee". Very active, often raising its' crest & flicking its' tail as it darts about catching insects on leaves, logs, & mud rather than in the air.

### Local Status – Very Rare

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

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