

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 11)



White-cheeked Honeyeater (*Phylidonyris nigra*)



Local Status - Common

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

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A colourful bird of the heathlands, similar to the New Holland Honeyeater that inhabits heavier inland forests in our region. Has dark-brown eye and large white eye-patch, whereas the New Holland has a smaller white cheek patch, white eye-ring, and white tail tip.

Bird Size - 16-19cm.

Food - Insects and nectar.

Nest style - Cup-shaped.

Material used - Strips of bark, dried grasses and plant stems, lined with finely shredded bark and plant down.

Nest Site - Built in thick undergrowth, not more than one to two metres from the ground.

Breeding Season & Details - Two nesting seasons from August to November and March to May. Two to rarely four eggs, laid once or twice a year.

Habits - In pairs or flocks, inhabiting heathlands and open forest with dense undergrowth, sometimes straying into urban areas. Noisy and active, the call being a harsh chattering.