

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 1)



House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)



House Sparrow male

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House Sparrow female

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Local Status – Introduced, Uncommon

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk
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Finch-like bird, introduced to Australia in late 1850 early 1860 from Europe to relieve homesickness. Now abundant and using sites of many native birds. Male has black beak, face and throat, grey crown, whitish grey underparts and rump with chestnut on neck and wings. When non-breeding, bill is horn-brown and breast is less black and smudged. Female, no black on face and horn-brown coloured bill.

Bird Size - 14 - 15cms.

Food - Seeds and odd bits of food dropped by humans.

Nest style - Dome shaped structure with side entrance.

Material used - Grass, lined with feathers and plant down.

Nest Site - Crevices of buildings, under bridges, hollow limbs, thick bushes and trees.

Breeding Season & Details - Spring, Summer, and other times if conditions suitable. Lays three to six eggs, incubated by female. Several successive broods per season. Both parents feed young.

Habits - Social, lives in small flocks in trees and feeds on the ground. Inhabits urban land, parks and gardens and anywhere there are humans.