

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 1)



### Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*)



#### Local Status - Common (Summer Migrant)

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

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Summer migrant. Migrates over a two week period, up to 13,000 kms, departing Australia in May and returning in September. Some old and immature birds over-winter in Australia. Male and female are very similar with downward curved beak, (smaller than Eastern Curlew). Variegated dark to light brown plumage with a light grey stripe running down the middle of the head and above the eye, heavily streaked light brown stripes on breast and throat. Abdomen white, rump whitish, and sometimes barred.

**Bird Size** - 38-43cm.

**Food** - Molluscs and worms, may pick up insects and invertebrates.

**Nest style** - Hollow in ground with soft surface.

**Material used** - Moss and other plant matter.

**Nest Site** - Ground in highland tundra of Eastern Siberia.

**Breeding Season & Details** - June, laying 3-5 eggs.

**Habits** - Solitary or small flocks with other waders. Roosts in trees, mangroves, and on samphire flats. Feeds in coastal environments with a preference to mangrove mudflats, using its long beak to probe for food. Also feeds on grassy areas such as sports grounds and lawns.