

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 2)



Red-necked Stint (*Calidris ruficollis*)



One of the smallest waders. For its size covers vast distances on its migrations; from Siberia to southern reaches of New Zealand and Australia. Plain grey-brown and whitish breast, black tapering bill with slightly swollen tip. Face, throat and neck and upper-breast salmon pink to chestnut pink when breeding.

Bird Size - 13-16cm

Food- Small pieces of wetland and marine creatures

Nest style - Ground scrape in a tussock of grass in tundra.

Material used - n/a

Nest Site -Siberian tundra

Breeding Season & Details - June & July in Siberia, laying four eggs

Habits - Parties and large flocks, coastal and inland on tidal mudflats, freshwater wetlands, sandy and shelly beaches. Runs about as it feeds, making twittering sounds. In flight, forms closely knit flocks with rapid movements.

Local Status – Uncommon Summer Migrant

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

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