

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 2)



Tree Martin (*Hirundo nigricans*)



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Local Status - Common

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

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Bird of the big eucalyptus trees. Small stubby swallow, dull white rump and short square tail. Black crown, buff forehead.

Bird Size - 12-13cm

Food - Tiny insects.

Nest style - Hole in tree or cliff holes, sometimes city buildings.

Material used - Lining of grass, feathers, and leaves, walled off with mud.

Nest Site - Communal nest, sometimes colonies with several nesting in numerous trees in the upper foliage.

Breeding Season & Details - July to January, lays 3-5 eggs

Habits - Spends most of the day feeding above high canopies, will swoop on swarms of insects over water. Erratic clipped flight, diving into roosting areas and also into reed beds. May perch on wires or sun themselves on the ground. Often with Welcome Swallows and Fairy Martins.