

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 3)



### Australasian Figbird (*Sphecotheres viridis*)



#### Local Status - Very Common

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

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The male looks very different to the female. The male bird has a black head with a bright orange or red eye patch, back of neck grey, other parts olive-green; (northern birds have a bright yellow breast). Female upperparts are olive-brown with darker streaks, face patch purple-grey, underparts whitish and heavily streaked dark brown.

**Bird Size** - 27-30cm

**Food** - All types of fruit, including figs, native berries and cultivated fruit such as bananas and pawpaws, also chillies.

**Nest style** - Suspended hammock-like.

**Material used** - Vines and twigs.

**Nest Site** - Horizontal fork near the end of a branch from 6-12m off the ground.

**Breeding Season & Details** - October to Feb, lays 2-3 eggs annually. Both parents care for young.

**Habits** - Breeding pairs locally nomadic. When not breeding, they move around in flocks of mostly immature birds, foraging for food in tree foliage. Noisy and chattering, often with other fruit eaters. Inhabits edges of rainforest, eucalyptus forest and woodlands, mangroves, watercourses, parks, gardens and orchards