

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 3)



Blue-faced Honeyeater (*Entomyzon cyanotis*)



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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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A large, active, noisy and aggressive honeyeater, with two-toned blue facial skin patch. Body olive-green, underparts white with a dusky-black breast bib. Immatures have olive green facial skin patch and grey bib.

Bird Size - 30-32cms.

Food - Insects, nectar, pollen, berries, and cultivated crops, eg bananas. Raids other birds nests for eggs and chicks.

Nest style - Deep cup.

Material used - Bark strips, grass and spiders web. Often uses abandoned nests of other birds, re-lining or re-constructing them.

Nest Site - Upright fork or broad tree branch, 3-10m high.

Breeding Season & Details - June to January. Lays 2-3 eggs with up to three batches in a season. Females incubate, and both parents, as well as other birds, are involved in raising the chicks.

Habits - Favours woodland, pandanus, paperbarks, mangroves, watercourses, parks and gardens. Forages for food on sides of trees and on the ground, and will also catch prey on the wing. The early morning piping-like call is very different to the miner-like daytime chattering.