

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 3)



### Rainbow Lorikeet

*(Trichoglossus haematodes)*



### 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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Large lorikeet with red bill, blue head, breast yellow orange, back green, and has purplish blue patch on underparts.

**Bird Size** - 25-32 cm.

**Food** - Nectar supplemented with pollen, berries, fruit, insects and insect larvae.

**Nest style** - Tree hollow,

**Material used** - In wood dust of the tree hollow

**Nest Site** - Limb or trunk of tree fairly high up

**Breeding Season & Details** - August to January. Lays two eggs, female incubates, and both parents raise young.

**Habits** - Nomadic, in pairs or flocks. Very noisy and gregarious, especially at sunrise and sunset when they leave and return to their roosting trees from daytime feeding areas. Often observed overhead, flying very quickly in a direct line. During the day they feed quietly and shelter from the sun in the dense foliage of eucalyptus forests, paperbarks, flowering trees of parks and gardens. At other times appear to feed in a frenzy, and are often with other lorikeets. Will come easily to garden feeders.