

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 3)



Willie Wagtail (*Rhipidura leucophrys*)



Local Status - Common

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

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Wide-spread, well known, active and fearless flycatcher. Black with white belly and eyebrow. When showing aggression the white eyebrow can expand, defeat is signalled when the white is completely hidden.

Bird Size - 19-2cm.

Food - Insects.

Nest style - Neat cup.

Material used - Fine grass and bark strips with touches of cobweb, lined with hair, feathers or down.

Nest Site - Horizontal branch, often near water, 1-15m high.

Breeding Season & Details - June to February, lays 2- 4 eggs, and may have up to four broods in succession. Both parents share all stages of nesting.

Habits - The familiar "sweet pretty creature" call is heard all season, and in spring, often during the night. Singles, pairs, and family parties. Usually sedentary, and likes open country with few trees. Comfortable with human habitats. Chases insects on the ground, catching them on the wing. Especially during breeding will chase larger birds, including eagles, with alarmed chattering.