

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 4)



Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*)



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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Well known, familiar, and noisy cockatoo with white body and yellow crest. The crest is frequently raised either to display or when alarmed. Voice is screechy and also used as an alarm, especially by the birds who are placed on watch when other birds are feeding on the ground.

Bird Size - 490cm.

Food - Seeds, grains, roots, berries, nuts, leaf-buds, insects and their larvae.

Nest style - Platform.

Material used - Decayed debris.

Nest Site - Tree hollow.

Breeding Season & Details - August to January, laying only two eggs, with both parents preparing the nest, incubating, and caring for young.

Habits - Sedentary pairs to large flocks which develop a fairly permanent roosting site. Noise in roosting trees can be deafening morning and evening as they go to and return from feeding grounds. Forages on the ground for food in the morning, and during the midday sun rests in the foliage of trees, picking and stripping larvae and bark. They can cause considerable damage to farming crops.