

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 5)



Grey Butcherbird (*Cracticus torquatus*)



The Grey Butcherbird is one of our best songsters, with a rich melodious piping, especially in the autumn months, and is also an excellent mimic! They make "larders" of prey impaled on thorns or sharp twigs.

Bird Size - 28 - 32cm

Food - Insects, small reptiles, birds & field-mice

Nest style - Cup shaped

Material used - Twigs, rootlets & vine tendrils lined with dry grass.

Nest Site - Two to ten metres from ground, in the upright fork of a tree.

Breeding Season & Details - July to January with three to rarely five eggs laid once or twice a year

Habits - Generally in pairs or small family groups, inhabiting more open forest & woodland. Immatures help to rear nestlings before leaving the family group.

Local Status - Uncommon

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

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