

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 5)



Nankeen Night Heron (*Nycticorax caledonicus*)



Local Status - Rare

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

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The Nankeen Night Heron is a nocturnal feeder, roosting during the day in the thick foliage of trees, and giving a harsh croaking note when disturbed. Sometimes call is heard at night.

Bird Size - 56 - 64cm

Food - Yabbies, freshwater molluscs, frogs, & aquatic insects.

Nest style - A loose platform, hollowed in the centre.

Material used - Dry sticks.

Nest Site - In trees or bushes in or by water, to heights of twenty metres or more, or on the ground among bushes or rocks on offshore islands.

Breeding Season & Details - September to January with two to five eggs usually once a year, but has been known to nest at any season. Parents share nest building, incubation, and care of chicks.

Habits - In pairs or small flocks, frequenting margins of streams or swamps.

Often forms colonies, sometimes large, in association with egrets.