

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 5)



## Powerful Owl (*Ninox strenua*)



### Local Status – Very Rare

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species  
on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk  
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Listed as Vulnerable under the Endangered Species Protection Act.

Common names used are "Great Scrub Owl" or "Eagle Owl". Another common name once used, that of "Screaming Woman Bird", is now being given to the Barking Owl. The male has a wingspan of over a metre, and the species generally inhabits mountainous forests and scrublands.

**Bird Size** - 60 - 65cm

**Food** - Mainly possum species, other small mammals and birds

**Nest style** - Unlined depression in a hollow limb or trunk of a tree.

**Material used** - Nil

**Nest Site** - Hollow limb or tree trunk with a side entrance to restrict rain, usually at heights from ten to forty metres. Trees chosen are generally on a hillside at or near the head of heavily wooded gullies.

**Breeding Season & Details** - May to September with one to two eggs laid once a year.

**Habits** - Roosts during the day among thick foliage, often with half eaten prey in it's claws. The same nest site may be used in consecutive years.