

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 6)



Grey Shrike-thrush (*Colluricincla harmonica*)



Local Status – Common

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

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Though basically plain grey in colour, this friendly bird is one of our best songsters, the lyrics being one of the favourite borrowing's of Lyrebirds. It has been known to nest in pot plants on verandahs of houses in the countryside.

Bird Size - 22.5cm.

Food - Insects, may also take nestlings & small snakes.

Nest style - Deep and cup-shaped.

Material used - Strips of bark, roots, and dry leaves.

Nest Site - Variable, including hollows in stumps, fence posts, broken off tree branches, upright tree forks, behind loose bark, low shrubbery, eroded banks of creeks, or on the ground among debris. Even old Magpie-lark nests plus man-made situations in & around buildings may be used.

Breeding Season & Details - July to January and after rain in arid regions. Two to four eggs are laid.

Habits - Singly or in pairs, sedentary, but tends to be nomadic in the cooler months, wandering into urban areas.