

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



## **Pacific Black Duck** (*Anas superciliosa*)



### **Local Status – Uncommon**

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

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One of our most familiar waterbirds, interbreeding with the introduced mallard, especially where they occur in domestic or urban situations.

**Bird Size** - 47-61cm.

**Food** - Grass, herbage, aquatic plants, & animals.

**Nest style** - Variable.

**Material used** - Soft grasses or down.

**Nest Site** - From a lined or unlined hollow in the ground to a thick bush, tree hollow, stump, or cliff face. Sometimes uses a simple ground scrape, or deserted platform structures of other species such as crows. At times, does construct it's own nest of grass and other soft vegetation.

**Breeding Season & Details** - Variable according to season & locality. In the west & northern regions, depends on intensity & frequency of flooding. Eight to thirteen eggs are laid.

**Habits** - From pairs to flocks, taking advantage of any size body of water, from small streams to rivers, lakes and swamps, either fresh or salt water. Has adapted well to urban park situations.