

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



Rufous Whistler

(Pachycephala rufiventris)



Rufous Whistler (Female)

Male

Local Status – Very Common

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

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Another common name used is "Thunder Bird" referring to this bird's response by call to any loud noise, another is "Echong" referring to one of its calls. Though the male is colourful and easily distinguished by a rufous breast separated from a white throat with a black line, the females and immatures are plain grey-brown with thin greyish breast stripes.

Bird Size - 17cm.

Food - Insects.

Nest style - Open & cup-shaped.

Material used - Fine dry sticks, twigs, bark, leaves & plant stems, lined with finer grasses & rootlets bound with spider webbing.

Nest Site - Well concealed in a tree or bush from one to fourteen metres above the ground.

Breeding Season & Details - August to February, with two to four eggs laid.

Habits - Found in most types of habitat, wandering into urban areas, in our region, during the cooler months.