

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 6)



Silvereye (*Zosterops lateralis*)



Local Status – Uncommon

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

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Perhaps the most numerous of our small native birds, and known by the common name of "White-eye", referring to its white eye ring. This delightful little bird is a welcome visitor to urban gardens, often taking full advantage of sprinklers & hoses to bathe themselves. Is also an accomplished mimic.

Bird Size - 12cm

Food - Insects, native & cultivated fruits & berries

Nest style - Small and cup-shaped

Material used - Fine grasses, hair, rootlets & other soft material, bound by spider webbing, & lined with finer material.

Nest Site - Suspended from a thin fork in the outer foliage of a bush, shrub, or small tree. Generally low, but can be up to five metres from the ground.

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

Habits - In pairs or small flocks in most habitats and urban gardens. Several races exist, one, a Tasmanian form with rufous flanks & a grey throat migrates to our region in the autumn. Though at times it may damage cultivated fruit, it is extremely useful in insect control.