

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 6)



Spangled Drongo (*Dicrurus bracteatus*)



Local Status – Common (Winter Migrant)

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

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Another common name for this bird is "Fishtail", referring to the tail. Appears black in poor light, but has a beautiful metallic sheen in sunlight. Has a range of calls, including ability to mimic, and is quite active, darting out from perches to catch insects in mid-air.

Bird Size - 28-32cm.

Food - Insects, nectar, native fruits. Has been known to take small birds.

Nest style - A shallow cup.

Material used - Vine tendrils, dry twigs & plant stems. Often, the eggs can be seen through this.

Nest Site - In a thin fork of the outer branches of a bushy tree, at heights from seven to twenty metres.

Breeding Season & Details - September to March, with two to five eggs laid.

Habits - In pairs or small flocks, frequenting mangroves, rainforest & open forest, preferring the edges of these for foraging. It is a local migrant in our region, often accompanying flocks of Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes & Figbirds in the cooler months, moving into urban areas during these seasons.