

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 6)



White-necked Heron (Immature) (*Ardea pacifica*)



Local Status – Rare

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

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A shy, uncommon heron of our region, generally preferring open situations for foraging, rarely coming into tidal areas. Formerly known as "Pacific Heron".

Bird Size - 75-100cm

Food - Fish, frogs, aquatic insects, small reptiles & freshwater molluscs.

Nest style - A flat platform

Material used - Dry sticks & twigs

Nest Site - On a horizontal or sloping fork of a tree in or near water, at heights of from five to thirty metres.

Breeding Season & Details - September to January, inland in other months in times of flood, with two to six eggs being laid usually only once a year.

Habits - Inhabits all suitable freshwater habitats, in pairs or small flocks, preferring to feed in marshy shallow water. Nests either singly or in colonies, generally preferring dead trees, and occasionally with other heron & egret species.