

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 7)



Brolga (*Grus rubicundus*)



Local Status – Very Rare

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species
on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk
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A tall, stately bird, well renowned for its' "dances" that feature so much in Indigenous ceremonies and culture, often recognised by the common name "Native Companion".

Bird Size - 100-125cm, with a wingspan of 200cm

Food - Insects, frogs, small reptiles, rodents, as well as plant matter.

Nest style - On the ground, or as a raised platform.

Material used - Reeds, sticks, grasses, or other plant material.

Nest Site - Dry ground or islands in lakes and dams, swamps and Wetlands

Breeding Season & Details - September to June varying on the wet season in the northern regions. Two or rarely three eggs laid.

Habits - Pairs or in flocks up to thirty or more and is either sedentary or nomadic. It can soar to great heights, while the "dances" are a feature of this birds courtship and bonding displays.