

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 7)



Grey-tailed Tattler (*Heteroscelus brevipes*)



A light grey and white wading bird similar to the less common Wandering Tattler, a distinguishing feature being the white eyebrow which extends behind the eye in the Grey-tailed, and only extends just to the eye in the Wandering.

Bird Size - 27cm.

Food - Small aquatic life.

Nest style - Hollow, amidst stones.

Material used - Stones and dry grass.

Nest Site - Breeds in Siberia.

Breeding Season & Details - June and July. Little is known of it's breeding behaviour, the first nest being discovered in 1959.

Habits - A summer migrant from Siberia, frequenting mangroves, rocky seashores & mud-flats with many over-wintering in Australia. Active and very wary, seen alone or in small parties. At high tide, often roosts in trees and on sand spits at the tide's edge.

Local Status – Common (Summer Migrant)

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

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