

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 7)



Leaden Flycatcher (*Myiagra rubecula*)



Male

Female

Local Status - Common

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

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The male's throat & upperparts are dark blue-grey with underparts white. The female is similar, though the throat is rufous in colour. A very active bird, with a distinctive shivering of the tail when perched. Also known as "Frog Bird", which refers to one of its calls.

Bird Size - 15cm.

Food - Insects.

Nest style - A neat cup.

Material used - Shredded bark, fine grasses and rootlets, bound with spider webbing, decorated with lichen and bark pieces. The cup is lined with soft grass and fine rootlets.

Nest Site - Usually on a short dead branch, though often under a larger living branch at heights from four to twenty metres.

Breeding Season & Details - September to January with two to three eggs laid once a year.

Habits - Inhabiting most forest types, though generally excludes rainforests. Often strays into urban gardens, where its call of "toowhee - toowhee" and active habits attract attention of observers.