

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 7)



Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*)



Local Status - Common

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

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Our smallest white egret, (excluding the Cattle Egret), with black bill and black legs. Very active when feeding, high stepping and dashing after prey, often in erratic circles and with raised wings.

Bird Size - 56cm.

Food - Aquatic life.

Nest style - A small platform.

Material used - Dry sticks.

Nest Site - Trees in or by the water at heights to twenty metres or more.

Breeding Season & Details - October to January, at times later, with two to six eggs laid once a year. It forms breeding colonies, often in association with other egrets & waterbird species.

Habits - Not nearly as common as other egret species in the Cooloola region. Occurs singly or in pairs wherever there are wetlands, but seems to prefer coastal situations.