

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 7)



Little Pied Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax melanoleucos*)



Local Status - Common

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

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Better known as the black and white "Shag", especially in our rural areas. Often encountered in ornamental ponds & lakes in urban areas.

Bird Size - 50-55cm.

Food - Aquatic life.

Nest style - A platform with a small saucer-shaped hollow.

Material used - Dry or green twigs & sticks, at times with leaves still attached, usually lined with green foliage.

Nest Site - In a tree growing in or near water at heights from five to twenty metres.

Breeding Season & Details - September to January, may vary in inland areas relative to flooding periods. Three to seven eggs laid once a year. Forms breeding colonies, often in association with other waterbird species.

Habits - Found in both fresh & saltwater aquatic habitats in pairs or flocks, and as with other Cormorant species, often seen resting on perches with its' wings outspread, drying its' plumage. Feeds in water by diving for prey.