

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 7)



White-faced Heron (*Ardea novaehollandiae*)



Local Status – Very Common

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

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Commonly known as the "Blue Crane", this peaceful grey bird with its white face and yellow legs often frequents quite heavily populated urban areas foraging for food.

Bird Size - 65-70cm.

Food - Yabbies, frogs, freshwater snails, and insects.

Nest style - A thin, flat platform.

Material used - Dry sticks and twigs

Nest Site - In a tree growing in, close to, or at times well away from the water, between five and twenty metres from the ground.

Breeding Season & Details - September to February, though may vary, with two to seven eggs laid usually only once a year. Usually a solitary nester, it may, in times of flood, form small inland breeding colonies.

Habits - Found in pairs or small flocks throughout Australia wherever surface water occurs, including tidal reaches, mangroves, and mud-flats, usually feeding in shallow water. It wanders often into urban backyards, and gives a loud croaking call when disturbed before taking flight.