

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 8)



## **Yellow-billed Spoonbill** (*Platalea flavipes*)



### **Local Status – Uncommon**

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

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As the name states this bird has a yellow bill, and is not as common in our region as the black-billed and slightly smaller Royal Spoonbill.

**Bird Size** - 76-90cm

**Food** - Aquatic insects, also eating crustaceans, fish and molluscs.

**Nest style** - Platform, (as per Royal Spoonbill).

**Material used** - Sturdy sticks, (as per Royal Spoonbill).

**Nest Site** - On reeds, bushes and trees, (as per Royal Spoonbill).

**Breeding Season & Details** - September to April, laying up to four eggs and returning to same breeding area each year, (similar to Royal Spoonbill).

**Habits** - Also similar to the Royal Spoonbill, but tending to be more wary in it's feeding and roosting habits.