

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 9)



Pied Butcherbird (*Cracticus nigrogularis*)



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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This black and white bird often calls at night, and the rich piping calls are heard at their best in the autumn months. It is also one of our best mimics.

Bird Size - 32-35cm

Food - Insects, mice, reptiles, and small birds.

Nest style - Bowl shaped.

Material used - Sticks and twigs with dried grasses, bark, and rootlets used as a lining.

Nest Site - In the upright fork of a tree clear of foliage, five metres or more above the ground.

Breeding Season & Details - Nesting occurs August to December, though in tropical monsoon regions, May to November, with two to five eggs laid once, twice, or occasionally more each year.

Habits - Frequenting most habitats excepting the highest rainfall areas and deserts. Often occurs in family parties of pied adults and brown juveniles, who help with the next season's nest before moulting then dispersing. As is common among black and white birds, it is territorially aggressive, and like its cousin the Grey Butcherbird, creates larders of prey impaled on thorns.