

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 10)



Double-barred Finch (*Taeniopygia bichenovii*)



Local Status - Uncommon

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

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A delightful little bird with an owl-like masked face, and two fine black bars across a clean white breast. In reference to these features, common names used include "Banded Finch" or "Owl-faced Finch".

Bird Size - 10-11cm

Food - Seeds

Nest style - Untidy ball with a spout-like entrance in the side.

Material used - Dried grasses, thinly lined with finer grasses, feathers, and plant down.

Nest Site - Generally in low shrubs or small trees a few metres from the ground, sometimes in tall tangled grass. In some areas, builds in association with wasp nests.

Breeding Season & Details - Usually December to May, but with great variance over it's range. Four to eight eggs are laid once or twice a year, sometimes more frequently.

Habits - Feeds on the ground in flocks, inhabiting grasslands with scattered trees and shrubs, seldom far from water. Flies off giving a "mewing" call when disturbed. Also strays to urban areas.