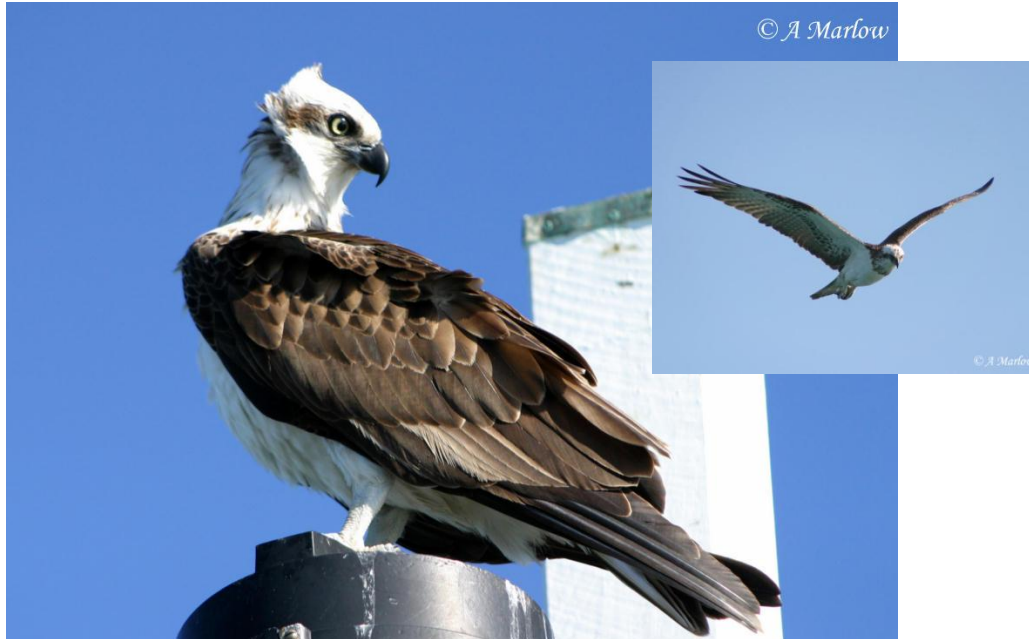


Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 10)



Eastern Osprey (*Pandion cristatus*)



Local Status - Uncommon

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species
on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk
(*Photography by Adam Marlow*)

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There is nothing quite so impressive as to witness one of these beautiful birds of prey winging its way across the water with a large fish in its talons. In common with a number of other Australian raptors, this species also occurs outside Australia.

Bird Size - Male 55cm, Female 63cm

Food - Almost entirely fish.

Nest style - A large, bulky pile

Material used - Sticks, twigs, and pieces of driftwood, lined with seaweed and occasionally palm leaves.

Nest Site - In a tree, often dead, occupying a prominent position at heights up to twenty metres. Alternatively on the ground in secure situations such as islands, reefs, or headlands. The same nest may be renovated and reused for many consecutive seasons.

Breeding Season & Details - June to August in our region, but at other times throughout its range. Two to rarely four eggs are laid once a year.

Habits - Keeps mainly to the coast, but also frequents large rivers and dams, hovering over the water, then diving, seizing prey in its talons and then flying to a perch, where the prey is consumed.