

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 11)



Lathams' Snipe (*Gallinago hardwickii*)



A migrant from Japan arriving in eastern Australia during September and leaving in March-April. Other common names are "Common Snipe" or "Japanese Snipe". Beautiful brown and black markings with a long straight olive-brown bill.

Bird Size - 24-26cm

Food - Insects and aquatic life

Nest style - A depression in the ground

Material used - Grass and moss lining

Nest Site - Peat bogs and cultivated pastures in Japan

Breeding Season & Details - May to June, lays 4 eggs.

Habits - Singly or in small groups. It is a wary bird, inhabiting overgrown river-flats, swamps and marshes, rising swiftly when disturbed before darting back into thick cover. Flight is swift and erratic, with an unusual zigzag weaving movement. Uses the long beak to forage, with a jabbing action, deeply into mud.

Local Status – Rare

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

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