## Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 2)

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike (Coracina novaehollandiae)



Local Status - Common

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk *(Photography by Amelia Nielsen)* For further information, email cooloolanature@spiderweb.com.au Often called the Blue Jay and one of Australia's commonest birds. A grey bird with black face, black extending to behind eye and upper breast. Migrates north autumn/winter to both inland and coastal areas, returning to the same breeding grounds annually.

Bird Size - 30-36cm.

Food - Insects, berries and other fruit.

**Nest style** - Small, fragile and shallow saucer shape, building shared by male and female.

Material used - Twigs and grass, bound with cobweb.

Nest Site -Horizontal limb or fork at end of branch, 6-20m high.

**Breeding Season & Details** - August to February laying 2-3 eggs. Both sexes incubate and feed young.

**Habits** - Single, pairs or in winter large migratory flocks. Inhabits rainforest, woodlands, orchards, parks and gardens. Migratory and sedentary.