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

Brown Thornbill (Acanthiza pusilla)



Local Status - Uncommon

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

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Small brown-backed bird with red eye, chestnut rump, grey streaked breast and scalloped forehead. It's voice, though not dominant is pleasant, far-carrying and varied and can mimic other birds.

Bird Size - 10cm.

Food - Insects.

Nest style - Small dome with entrance near top.

Material used - Coarse grasses, bark and bracken fern.

Nest Site - Low in undergrowth, amidst bracken and under tussocks.

Breeding Season & Details - June to December, lays 3-4 eggs.

Habits - Solitary, pairs or small groups. It is inquisitive and responds to squeaking sounds. Prefers areas with lots of ground cover and forages in the lower branches of rainforests, watercourses, woodlands, wetlands, mangroves, saltmarshes, gardens and parks. Flits tail in flight.