

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 2)



### Great Knot (*Calidris tenuirostris*)



Stout wader bird, distinguished from the Red Knot in non-breeding plumage by its longer bill, (longer than its head), pure white rump, striped crown, and more clearly patterned upper parts. Distinctive breeding plumage, with large black spots on the chest, sometimes forming a black band, rufous colouring and black markings in wings.

**Bird Size** - 28-29cm.

**Food** - Marine creatures.

**Nest style** - Ground depression.

**Material used** - Moss.

**Nest Site** - High ridge in Siberia

**Breeding Season & Details** - June-July in northeast Siberia, lays 4 eggs

**Habits** - Small flocks up to 50 birds, feeds on tidal mud/sandflats with other waders. Feeds slowly, probing sand and mud deeply. Migrant, leaving northern Australia in March arriving back late August.

*(Please Note – Bar-tailed Godwit in Background)*

### Local Status – Uncommon (Summer Migrant)

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

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