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

Noisy Friarbird (Philemon corniculatus)



Local Status – Very Common

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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Large grey bird, bare black head, bill curved with an upright bill knob. Silver-white plumes on upper throat, white tail tip and red eyes. Distinctive raucous cackling voice.

Bird Size - 310-360cm.

Food - Berries, fruit, pollen, nectar, insects.

Nest style - Large deep pendant cup.

Material used - Bark, interwoven with dry grasses, leaves, cobweb and pieces of cloth.

Nest Site - Outer branches in thick foliage, 1.5 - 17 m above ground.

Breeding Season & Details - August to February laying 2-3 eggs.

Habits - Aggressive, rowdy and squabbling amongst themselves when feeding. As breeding season approaches, pairs are formed and they are more secretive. After the breeding season some birds tend to move northwards, returning in pairs in spring months.