

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 2)



Red-capped Plover (*Charadrius ruficapillus*)



Local Status - Common

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

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Small attractive wader, breeding in Australia. Male has a fox-red cap edged black, with a black eye stripe, white breast and grey-brown upperparts. Female similar, with crown duller and less distinct markings.

Bird Size - 14-16cm.

Food - Insects, worms and mollusc.

Nest style - Ground scrape in soil or sand.

Material used - Lined with shells, stones and plants.

Nest Site - Next to tidal debris on sandy hillock near seashore, bordering salt marshes on inland lakes.

Breeding Season & Details - September to January, laying 2-3 eggs. Both parents incubate and care for young.

Habits - Sedentary, nomadic and wide spread throughout Australia. Single, pairs and loose colonies at roosting sites. Feeds along waters edge, runs in spurts ahead of the observer, freezes and bobs head.