Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 3)

Noisy Miner

(Manorina melanocephala)



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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Very common honeyeater of the east coast of Australia, although avoids coastal areas of high rainfall. Grey bird with whitish forehead, black head and cheeks with yellow edge to outer feathers, bright yellow bill and yellow patch behind eye.

Bird Size - 25-28cm.

Food - Mainly insects but also includes nectar, fruits and berries.

Nest style - A flimsy cup.

Material used - Twigs, grass and spiders web.

Nest Site - Fork of leafy tree branch.

Breeding Season & Details - June to December in communes, lays 2-4 eggs, rearing several batches in a season.

Habits - Sedentary and very territorial, chasing other birds who enter their territory. Single and small to large social group, uniting in noisy mobs when threatened. Inhabiting parks, gardens and dry sclerophyll forests.