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

Scaley-breasted Lorikeet

(Trichoglossus chlorolepidotus)



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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Predominantly green plumage, with scaly patterned yellow neck and breast feathers. Bill and eye red. In flight, has prominent orange-red under wings. Often flies with Rainbow Lorikeet and can be identified by a higher-pitched call. Habits similar to other lorikeets, and is difficult to distinguish from a distance.

Bird Size - 22-24cm.

Food - Mainly nectar and pollen, plus berries, fruit and seeds.

Nest style - Tree hollow.

Material used - Decayed wood dust.

Nest Site - High up in tree truck or branch.

Breeding Season & Details - May to February. Lays 2-3 eggs, female incubates alone, male may sit with her at night. Both parents feed young.

Habits - Usually in mixed flocks, inhabiting eucalyptus, open forests and parklands. Flies swift and straight. Sedentary and nomadic.