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

Striated Pardalote

(Pardalotus striatus)



Local Status - 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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Common throughout Australia. Small olive-grey bird with black head and a white eyebrow that is a rich yellow at the front. Chin and throat also bright yellow. Black wings with small red spot near shoulder.

Bird Size - 9.9 - 11.5cm.

Food - Tiny invertebrates that live on upper leaves or twigs of eucalyptus and wattle trees. Includes cicadas, tiny spiders, caterpillars, ants, and native bees.

Nest style - Cup shaped and partly domed.

Material used - Bark, fine grass, rootlets, and sometimes lined with feathers.

Nest Site - Tree hollow or end of a ground tunnel in creek banks, road cuttings, and sometimes even cracks in woodwork.

Breeding Season & Details - June to February, lays three to five eggs often raising two broods in succession. Both partners involved in incubation.

Habits - Difficult to see as nearly always feeds out of sight, in upper foliage, and usually detected by a constant chip-chip call. Sedentary, nomadic, and some also migrate.