

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 3)



White-bellied Sea-Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucogaster*)



Local Status - Uncommon

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

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Large grey eagle with a white breast, head, and abdomen, and a short wedge-shaped tail. No feathers on legs. In flight looks like a huge butterfly, the upswept wings divided into a grey and white triangle. Female is larger than male. Immature and juvenile mostly light brown.

Bird Size - 70-90cms, 2m wing span.

Food - Small birds, mammals, fish, and carrion.

Nest style - Platform.

Material used - Huge structure of sticks, lined with green leaves.

Nest Site - Tall tree near water, used annually for long periods.

Breeding Season & Details - May to October, lays 2 eggs. Female does most of incubation and brooding with periodic relief from male.

Habits - Singularly or pairs, maintaining permanent territory. Soars with upswept wings, often seen soaring and wheeling high on the thermals. Perches for long periods at vantage points, on branches of tall trees or on cliffs. Sometimes seen on the ground investigating food.