

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 4)



Australian Wood Duck (Female left, Male right) (*Chenonetta jubata*)



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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Male and female are slightly different, though both are pale grey with a brown neck, two black stripes down the back, and have a short bill. The female is lighter in colour with a white stripe above and below the eye, and a white under-tail. The male has a black mane and black undertail. Numbers are expanding, taking advantage of dams and clearing practices.

Bird Size - 44-50cm, wing span to 80cm.

Food - Seeds and shoots of green grass and herbage, such as rye grass, couch, clovers, sedges, smart weed and rice.

Nest style - Tree hole.

Material used - Down.

Nest Site - Hollows of living trees, sometimes near water, but often far away.

Breeding Season & Details - Variable, but generally September to November, and usually after heavy rain, especially in the north. Lays nine to twelve eggs, female incubates, other nesting activities shared by male.

Habits - Mainly in small groups but can gather into large groups after breeding. More often found on the ground, also perches in trees. Camps quietly by day around dams or fresh watercourses, including ditches. Departs late afternoon for feeding grounds which may be some distance away, returning at dawn. Feeding grounds includes golf courses, grasslands or green pastures.