Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 4)

Torresian Crow (Corvus orru)



Local Status - Very Common

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk *(Photography by Amelia Nielsen)* For further information, email cooloolanature@spiderweb.com.au A raven of the tropical north, through to the dry inland and to N.E. coast of N.S.W. Glossy-black plumage, differing from other ravens by having bases of head and neck feathers white, noticeable when ruffled. Also has a different call, high pitched, nasal and short "uk-uk-uk" or "ok- ok-ok", rather than "aaa-aaa", only sometimes drawn out at end.

Bird Size - 48-50cm.

Food - Carrion, insects and seeds.

Nest style - Casket shaped.

Material used - Sticks.

Nest Site - High, usually eucalyptus, tree foliage, about 10m off ground.

Breeding Season & Details - September to February, laying 3-5 eggs. Female incubates.

Habits - Exaggerated shuffling of wings when alights. Immatures are nomadic and sociable, adults mate for life, occupying permanent territories where suitable trees and water are available.