

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 4)



### Wedge-tailed Eagle (*Aquila audax*)



#### Local Status – Uncommon

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

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Largest Australian bird of prey, female larger than male. Dark brown - black coloured, whitish coloured bill, feathered legs, and a distinct long wedge-shaped tail.

**Bird Size** - 90cm to 1.1m; wing span to 2.3m.

**Food** - Mammals, reptiles, birds and carrion.

**Nest style** - Huge platform.

**Material used** - Sticks, lined with green leaves, fresh leaves are added when chicks present.

**Nest Site** - Fork of tall tree.

**Breeding Season & Details** - June to August laying 1-3 eggs, mostly incubated by female, both parents share feeding. Usually only one chick survives per season, as the strongest fledging kills off the smaller siblings.

**Habits** - Usually inhabits mountain forests and treeless plains, only occasionally visits coastal regions, towns and cities. Adults sedentary, living in permanent territories. In flight, wings are held straight out and upswept and tail is fanned. They fly with ease, and much time is spent soaring, circling and gliding to great heights.