Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 5)

Brown Honeyeater

(Lichmera indistincta)



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)

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A common visitor to urban gardens, the Brown Honeyeater has a loud, strident piping call. In an urban situation, it tends to prefer Callistemons as a nectar source rather than the larger blossomed Grevillea species.

Bird Size - 16cm

Food - Insects and nectar.

Nest style - Small, deep and cup shaped.

Material used - Soft bark (often Melaleuca), & fibre, lined with plant down or hair, usually decorated with spider egg sacs.

Nest Site - Small forked branch of a shrub or plant, often over water.

Breeding Season & Details - June to January, with two rarely three eggs, and often two hatchings.

Habits - Pairs or in small flocks in a wide range of habitats from inland forests to mangroves.