

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 5)



Common Koel (*Eudynamis scolopacea*)



The Common Koel is a summer migrant, generally arriving in our region from the 17th to the 22nd of September, and departing to the northern regions from March through to May.

Their raucous, ringing calls are a feature as they dash through the trees, constantly harassed by their hosts, such as the Noisy and Little Friarbirds, Torresian Crows and Australian Magpies.

Bird Size - 39 - 46cm

Food - Native and introduced fruits and berries, also insects.

Nest style - None built, it being parasitic. At least twelve species play hosts, particularly the larger honeyeaters, in addition to orioles and Magpie-larks.

Material used - Nil

Nest Site - As per those of host species.

Breeding Season & Details - September to January. Generally one egg laid in each host species nest, often resembling those of the host. Breeding frequency unknown.

Habits - Singly, pairs, or small courting groups, secretive and elusive, seldom leaving dense foliage of upper tree canopy, and first identified by the familiar and clear koo-ee call. Male often calls at night, especially when female near-by and during the wet season. Female silent after breeding.

Local Status - Common (Summer Migrant)

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

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