

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 5)



Tawny Grassbird (*Megalurus timoriensis*)



Local Status - Uncommon

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

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A shy bird, more often detected by its "chuck, chuck" call than by sightings. Sexes similar, plumage rufous-brown with heavy dark brown and black streaks, crown, nape and rump unstreaked rufous-tawny, pointed and longish tail.

Bird Size - 19cm.

Food - Insects and seeds.

Nest style - Deep and cup-shaped, with inward curving sides towards the top.

Material used - Dried grasses, lined with finer grasses and rootlets.

Nest Site - Well concealed at the base of grass tussocks, or in dense low rank growth, usually close to the ground

Breeding Season & Details - July to December, though sometimes later, with two to four eggs laid.

Habits - Usually in pairs, summer is the season for the male's rich downward trilling call which is often a feature of dense grasslands. This is given either from a perch or in a short display flight.