

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 6)



Forest Kingfisher

(Todiramphus macleayii)



A brighter blue than the Sacred Kingfisher, and without the buff colouring underneath. The main distinguishing feature though is a large white spot before the eye.

Bird Size - 19-22cm

Food - Insects, small lizards, fish & crabs.

Nest style - An excavated shallow chamber.

Material used - Nil

Nest Site - A short tunnel in an Arboreal Termite mound, sometimes only a few centimetres in length, from ten to twelve metres above the ground, sometimes higher.

Breeding Season & Details - October to January with three to six eggs laid.

Habits - A summer migrant, though less so in our region than the Sacred, and found in similar habitats.

Local Status – Uncommon (Summer Migrant)

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

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