

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 6)



### Lewin's Honeyeater (*Meliphaga lewinii*)



#### Local Status – Uncommon

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

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Common honeyeater in our region, at times straying into urban areas. It's staccato call is a feature of our heavier forests. Another common name of "White Lug" refers to its' yellowish-white cheek patch. Migrates from highlands to lowlands in autumn and winter.

**Bird Size** - 19-21cm.

**Food** - Insects, nectar, native & cultivated fruits.

**Nest style** - A deep cup.

**Material used** - Strips of bark, dried leaves & moss, bound by spider webbing, & lined with fine dry grasses and plant down.

**Nest Site** - Suspended by the rim in the thin fork of a tree among thicker outer foliage, at heights from five to ten metres.

**Breeding Season & Details** - August to January once or twice a year, with two to three eggs laid.

**Habits** - An aggressive bird, often noted chasing other species and each other through the forest, and one of the easiest to observe. Prefers denser forests and vegetation, even in urban situations.