Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 6)

Little Bronze-Cuckoo (Chalcites minutillus)



Smallest of the Bronze-Cuckoos, a distinguishing feature in the male bird being a red eye patch, absent in the female. Several calls, one is a distinctive coarse downward trill, another more often heard is of four notes with a downward inflection.

Bird Size - 15-16cm

Food - Insects & caterpillars

Nest style - None built, it being parasitic

Material used - Not applicable

Nest Site - As per hosts

Breeding Season & Details - September to March

Habits - A summer migrant in our area, it inhabits open forest, rainforest, & mangroves, also straying into urban areas.

Local Status – Uncommon (Summer Migrant) Status relates only to the relative abundance of species on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Photography by Vincent Bugeja & Vernon Kretschmann) (Birds Queensland) For further information, email cooloolanature@spiderweb.com.au