

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 6)



Olive-backed Oriole (*Oriolus sagittatus*)



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Local Status – Uncommon

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

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Among our best mimics, and is one of the few birds whose call actually resembles its given name. Strays into urban areas in our region in the cooler months, along with Spangled Drongos, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes, & Figbirds.

Bird Size - 25-28cm.

Food - Native & cultivated fruits, berries, & insects.

Nest style - Deep & cup-shaped.

Material used - Leaves, strips of bark, grasses & vine tendrils, tightly woven and bound by spider webbing, often incorporating wool or hair into the structure. Lined with soft grass & bark.

Nest Site - From three to twenty metres in the outer drooping branches of a tree.

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

Habits - Often found with Figbirds & Cuckoo-shrikes, inhabits open forests and heavier timber along watercourses, often straying into urban areas.