

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 6)



### **Sacred Kingfisher** (*Todiramphus sanctus*)



### **Local Status – Common (Summer Migrant)**

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

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A common kingfisher of our region, and the "kik-kik-kik" call is a regular summer feature.

**Bird Size** - 19-23cm.

**Food** - Small lizards, fish, crabs & insects.

**Nest style** - An excavated shallow chamber.

**Material used** - Nil

**Nest Site** - Hollow limb of a tree or an Arboreal Termite mound up to twenty metres from the ground, but generally lower. Sometimes in an earth bank.

**Breeding Season & Details** - September to January, once a season, with three to six eggs laid.

**Habits** - A summer migrant, arriving late August or early September, and departing mid March, with some individuals over-wintering. Will attack an intruder in defence of it's nest site, giving a harsh screeching, and can be found in most habitats except rainforest.