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

Striated Heron

(Butorides striatus)



Local Status - Uncommon

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Photography by Amelia Nielsen)

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A bird of the mangroves and mud-flats, this secretive species skulks about in this habitat, especially at the edges of shallow water in search of food.

Bird Size - 45-50cm

Food - Fish and crustaceans

Nest style - Loose platform with a shallow depression in the top.

Material used - Dry sticks

Nest Site - In the fork of a Mangrove tree, in or near the water.

Breeding Season & Details - September to January, with two to four eggs laid.

Habits - Singly or in pairs, this bird adopts a stick-like posture to avoid being seen when in danger, especially when perched in a tree. If moved to flight, it gives a loud squawking call.