

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 7)



Crested Pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*)



Local Status – Very Common

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

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Another inhabitant of farmyards and urban areas. Looks quite spectacular and dapper with its fine upright crest, red eye ring and bronze wing sheen. Flying with a distinct whistle of wings, they are often seen perched on telephone lines. An alternative name often used is "Topknot Pigeon", causing confusion with the Topknot Fruit Pigeon.

Bird Size - 31-35cm.

Food - Seeds.

Nest style - A frail platform.

Material used - Dry sticks & twigs.

Nest Site - Usually in the fork a tree to heights of ten metres or more.

Breeding Season & Details - In any season, but usually in the spring & summer months, with two eggs laid once or more a year.

Habits - It has a soft "who - who" call, feeds on the ground in pairs or small flocks, and occupies a range of habitats, except heavy forests. Prefers open ground for feeding and has benefited greatly from man's clearing activities.