

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 7)



Grey Fantail (*Rhipidura fuliginos*)



Local Status – Common (Winter Migrant)

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

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Similar in shape to the Willie Wagtail, this altitudinal migrant arrives in Gympie to within a day of the 17th of April, moving out to coastal areas, returning to the high regions e.g., Cooran Tablelands, Mapleton - Maleny, towards the end of September to mid October where it may be found all year round. In rare instances, some may remain in the lowlands all year round.

Bird Size - 16cm

Food - Insects

Nest style - Pendulous, like a wineglass in shape without the base, with or without a long tapering "tail".

Material used - Soft shredded bark, grasses & other fibrous material, the cup bound & well coated with spider-webbing. Grass & other fine material is used as a lining.

Nest Site - Generally over or near water, on a thin horizontal branch at heights from one to ten metres.

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

Habits - Frequenting all treed habitats, including mangroves. An alternative name, "Cranky Fan", refers to the frenzied aerial manoeuvres this bird displays in it's effort to procure insects in midair.