

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

## Bird Walk (Site 8)



### Beach Stone Curlew\* (*Esacus neglectus*)



#### Local Status - Uncommon

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

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Also known as Beach Thick-knee; uncommon along our coastline, and extremely sensitive to disturbance. Feral and domestic animals, habitat loss, and people identified as threats to its future existence.

**Bird Size** - 55cm

**Food** - Small crustaceans and shellfish

**Nest style** - None made, the eggs being laid on the ground

**Material used** - Not applicable

**Nest Site** - Any suitable patch of bare sand or dry ground, usually beneath a bush or tree near high tide mark. Will sometimes choose an exposed beach or a creek immediately behind the beach, or an estuary.

**Breeding Season & Details** - September to December with one to two eggs laid once a year.

**Habits** - Singly or in pairs inhabiting coastal and estuary situations, offshore islands & reefs. Feeds along sandy shorelines and mud flats, roosting during the day in the shelter of driftwood and vegetation before feeding in the late afternoon. Call is an eerie wail and mostly heard at night.

(\*Listed as a Vulnerable Species under the Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation 1994 and its amendments.)