

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 8)



Little Friarbird (*Philemon citreogularis*)



Local Status – Common

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

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Smallest of the Friarbirds. Grey-brown with prominent bare bluish-black facial skin, silky silver-white feathers under chin with no bill knob. Female smaller, immature has yellowish throat.

Bird Size - 25-29cm.

Food - Nectar, fruit, and flying insects often taken on the wing.

Nest style - Suspended cup.

Material used - Grass & bark woven with cobweb and lined with finer grasses.

Nest Site - Suspended in outer foliage, 2-11m above ground, favours paperbarks.

Breeding Season & Details - August-March, laying 2-3 eggs annually.

Habits - Summer breeding migrant (Sept. to April). Occurring singly, in pairs, or flocks, inhabiting open woodlands, watercourses, parks and gardens. Frequently chases other birds away from blossoms. Rarely strays far from water, and will use waterholes and garden sprinklers to bathe.