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

## Red-winged Parrot (Male shown)

(Aprosmictus erythropterus)



**Local Status - Common** 

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

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The male is unmistakably bright green with a red wing patch, black back, and blue above the tail, which is more noticeable in flight. Females & immatures are overall green with a small red wing patch. Both sexes have a scarlet bill. Common names used include "Red-winged Lory" & "Crimson-winged Parrot".

Bird Size - 32cm

Food - Seeds, berries, nectar, & insect larvae.

**Nest style** - A tree hollow.

Material used - Nil

**Nest Site** - A hollow in a tree with the entrance from ten to twenty metres above the ground, and the actual nest site often being deep within the tree. Trees chosen are usually not far from water.

**Breeding Season & Details** - July to January, with three to six eggs laid once a year.

**Habits** - In pairs or small flocks, flight is fast and buoyant, the call is short and metallic. Found in a variety of habitats, including open forest, scrubs, and mangroves.