

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 8)



Southern Boobook (*Ninox novaeseelandiae*)



The "owner" of the "mopoke" call. Far carrying & distinctive, this call is a common feature of our bushlands.

Bird Size - 30-35cm

Food - Insects, small rodents, & small birds

Nest style - A tree hollow

Material used - Nil

Nest Site - Hollow in the trunk or limb of a tree at heights from a few to twenty metres from the ground, and sometimes containing remnants of prey. The same hollow may be used in successive seasons.

Breeding Season & Details - September to January with two to four eggs laid once a year.

Habits - Found in practically all habitats, it roosts during the day either in a tree hollow, rock crevice, heavily foliated tree, or similar situation. As with other owl species, it is often disturbed while at rest by diurnal species such as Magpies.

Local Status – Common

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

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