

# Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk (Site 9)



## Eastern Curlew\* (*Numenius madagascariensis*)



### Local Status - Very Common, Summer Migrant

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

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A summer migrant from Eastern Asia, arriving in Australia during September and departing March-April, with some, usually immature and old birds, over-wintering here. Though the species is listed as *Rare, under the Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation 1994 and its amendments*, we are lucky in our region to have a reasonable population. Black-brown streaked plumage and largest migrant wader, easily recognised by its long curved beak four to five times longer than its head.

**Bird Size** - 53-60cm

**Food** - Marine crustaceans and worms.

**Nest style** - A hollow in the ground

**Material used** - Grass or leaves, used as a lining

**Nest Site** - Siberia

**Breeding Season & Details** - June to July with four eggs laid.

**Habits** - Usually in flocks frequenting coastal mudflats, mangroves, beaches and sandflats. Occasionally strays to inland lakes. One call given is "Ker-loo" from which it takes its name. Roosts in flocks with other wader species on higher sand-spits or islands during high tides. Particularly active at night, especially during the low tide.

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