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

Galah (Cacatua roseicapilla)



Local Status - Common

Status relates only to the relative abundance of species on the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Bird Walk *(Photography by Amelia Nielsen)* For further information, email cooloolanature@spiderweb.com.au Probably our best known parrot species apart from the Sulphurcrested Cockatoo. This grey and pink parrot was once a bird of the arid inland and in comparatively recent years, numbers seem to have increased in our local region as well as in most of Australia.

Bird Size - 36cm

Food - Seeds of various plants.

Nest style - A tree hollow

Material used - Green leaves, usually Eucalyptus, are used to line the hollow.

Nest Site - Any suitable tree hollow of varying depth, but generally those that are vertical or near vertical.

Breeding Season & Details - July to December in it's Southern range, February to June in the North, varying with seasonal conditions in inland regions. Two to six eggs are laid once or twice a year, depending on seasonal conditions.

Habits - In pairs or flocks, frequenting all types of habitat, excepting rainforest. Feeds on the ground in flocks and is now often found in urban areas.