

Birds of Tin Can Bay Foreshore

Bird Walk (Site 9)



Pacific Golden Plover (*Pluvialis fulva*)



Migrant from the Arctic regions, arriving August-September and leaving April-May, with some birds over-wintering in Australia. The general grey-brown, pale-yellow speckled plumage changing to black and gold when breeding makes this one of the most colourful migrant waders. Some individuals display varying intensities of these breeding colours while they are on our shores.

Bird Size - 24-26cm

Food - Insects, small crustaceans and worms

Nest style - A hollow in the ground

Material used - Broken stalks of moss as a lining.

Nest Site - On the open tundra/treeless plains with an arctic climate

Breeding Season & Details - June to July, (North - Eastern Siberia & Alaska), with four eggs laid.

Habits - Usually in small flocks, inhabiting coastal & sub-coastal wetlands, fields and inland swamps.

Local Status – Common, Summer Migrant

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

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