

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



## Pied Currawong (*Strepera graculina*)



### Local Status – Rare

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

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An altitudinal migrant, arriving in the lowlands early autumn. Its spirited calls of "Curra-wa, curra-wong" ring out in the early morning, with colder weather seeming to determine the number of birds present in this area. Two common names used are "Mountain Magpie" and "Scrub Magpie".

**Bird Size** - 41-51cm

**Food** - Insects, small birds and nestlings, berries, plus native and exotic fruit. Also known to take small snakes.

**Nest style** - Large open bowl.

**Material used** - Twigs and sticks, with grasses, bark, and rootlets used as a lining.

**Nest Site** - Placed amongst foliage in the higher outer branches of a tall tree, generally growing among others. Nest sites are often used over a number of seasons.

**Breeding Season & Details** - August to January, with two to five eggs laid once a year.

**Habits** - Inhabiting forests and woodlands, it migrates to lowland urban and rural areas in the cooler months. Usually in flocks, which sometimes are quite large.