

Eastern Spinebill
Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris

On the Bluff
Mainly April - August



The main breeding site of the **Eastern Spinebill** is near the Otway Ranges, but they move into the Barwon Heads area around April each year. The long thin bill that gives the bird its name is used to reach deep into flowers to collect pollen and nectar. It appreciates the banksias and other flowers of the Bluff, but it is quite at home in urban gardens. As it moves about, it keeps in contact by calling a repeated single whistled note. The male has bolder markings, but both sexes have eye-catching markings of orange/brown, black and white.

Beak-to-tail: 14 – 16 cm