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Animal Fact Sheet

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Eurasian Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis

The Eurasian Kingfisher is a small, brightly colored bird known for its dazzling blue and orange plumage and its rapid, darting flight over rivers and streams. It is widely distributed across Europe,…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Alcedinidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, streams, lakes, and ponds with overhanging vegetation
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 2-4 years
Weight: 34–46 g
Scientific name: Alcedo atthis

Did you know?

- Despite being brightly colored, Eurasian Kingfishers are often heard before they are seen, thanks to their high-pitched, whistling call.
- Eurasian Kingfishers can see well both in air and underwater due to special adaptations in their eyes. Their nests are tunnels excavated into riverba…

What I learned

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