

# 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 riverbanks.

### What I learned

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