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Animal Fact Sheet

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Laughing Kookaburra

Dacelo novaeguineae

Dacelo novaeguineae is the largest kingfisher in the world, and it does not fish. It is a dry-country, terrestrial hunter, watching from a low branch and dropping onto lizards, large insects, mice an…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Alcedinidae
Habitat: Open forests, woodlands, and suburban areas
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-15 years
Weight: 250-500 g
Scientific name: Dacelo novaeguineae

Did you know?

- Laughing Kookaburras often form family groups where older siblings help raise new chicks, a behavior known as cooperative breeding.
- Kookaburra chicks are born with a bill hook that exists purely for fighting their siblings and is resorbed within a few weeks. The dawn chorus is del…

What I learned

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