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Animal Fact Sheet

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Malachite Kingfisher

Corythornis cristatus

The Malachite Kingfisher is a small and vividly colored bird found widely throughout sub-Saharan Africa. It is characterized by its brilliant electric-blue upperparts, orange underparts, and a distin…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Alcedinidae
Habitat: Freshwater wetlands, rivers, lakes, and marshes with dense vegetation
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-10 years
Weight: 12-19 g
Scientific name: Corythornis cristatus

Did you know?

- Despite their small size, Malachite Kingfishers can consume fish nearly as long as their own bodies!
- Malachite Kingfishers create tunnel-like nests in riverbanks, excavating the burrows themselves. They can hover briefly above the water before diving…

What I learned

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