

# 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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