

URBAN WILDLIFE CHRONICLES EGUIDE



BELTED KINGFISHER

HOW TO SPOT ME?

- Look along rivers, estuaries, ponds, and urban shorelines—especially where the water is calm and full of fish.
- I'm stocky, with a large head, a shaggy crest, and a thick, pointed bill.
- I'm slate-blue with a white belly and a blue-gray band across my chest. Females also have a rusty band—we're one of the few bird species where females are more colorful!

DID YOU KNOW?

Belted Kingfishers dive headfirst to catch fish, using their keen eyesight to spot prey underwater. We nest in burrows dug into sandy banks, sometimes over a meter long—making us one of the few North American birds to nest underground.

HOW TO PROTECT ME?

- Protect riverbanks and natural shoreline edges—they're essential for our nesting and hunting.
- Avoid shoreline development that removes sandy slopes or dense vegetation.
- Watch from a distance—loud noises or quick movement can disrupt our feeding and nesting routines.

REFLECTION PROMPT

Where in your life are you being called to dive deeper—and what can still waters help you discover?



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