

Kingfisher birds, the colorful hunters



Kingfisher birds (Alcedinidae) are a family of small to medium-sized, brightly colored birds in the order Coraciformes. They have a cosmopolitan distribution, with most species found in the tropical regions of Africa, Asia and Oceania but also can be found in Europe.

(Wikipedia). These birds have an extraordinary fishing technique that displays courage, determination, fearfulness and outstanding hunting skills. There are 90 species of these

birds in three families. Let us “dive” in this philatelic celebration of these colorful birds.



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Introduction: South Africa: 1961, African Pygmy Kingfisher (*Ispidina picta*) SG:ZA238b 1) Ireland: 2002, Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) Sn:IE1358 2) Austria: 2008, Common Kingfisher Sn:AT2141 3) Belgium: 1986, Common Kingfisher Sn:BE1227 4) Singapore: 2007, Stork-billed Kingfisher (*Pelargopsis capensis*) Sn:SG1252a 5) United Kingdom: 1980, Common Kingfisher Sn:GB884 6) Dominica: 1976, Ringed Kingfisher (*Megaceryle torquata*) 7) Australia: 1999, Sacred Kingfisher (*Toridampus sanctus*) 8) Czechoslovakia: 1959, Common Kingfisher TYPE I Sn:CS948 9) Hungary: 1990, Common Kingfisher SN:HU3224 10) New Zealand: 1988, Sacred Kingfisher SN: NZ925