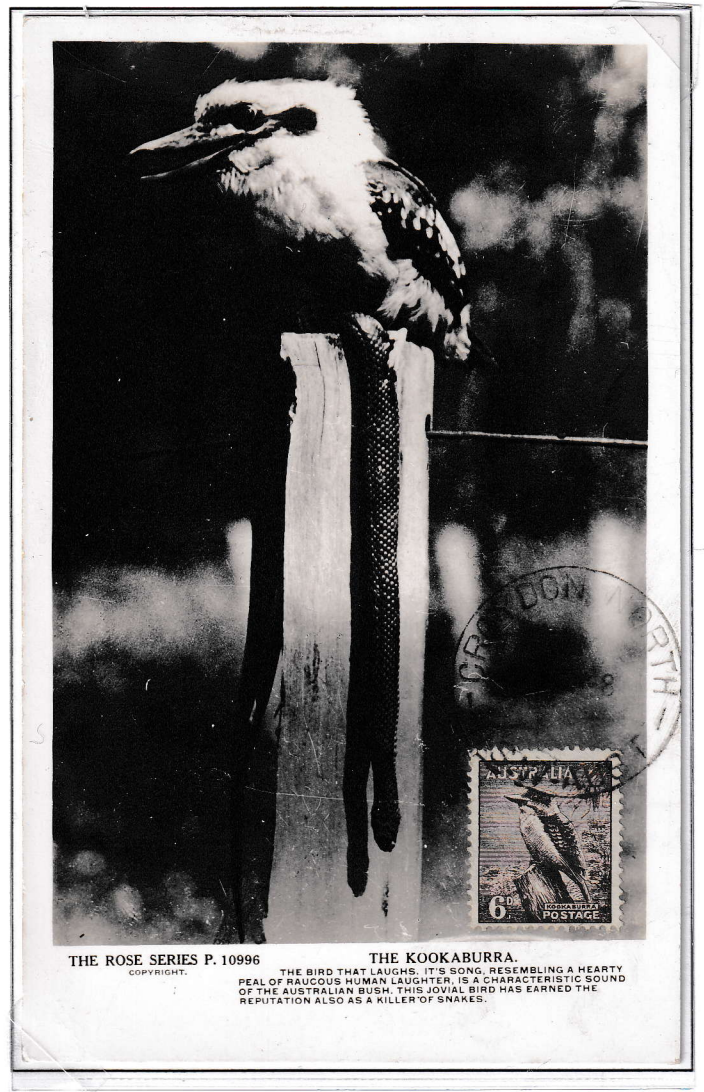


HEAR WHO'S LAUGHING...



The birdsong, which resembles the human laughter, is the distinctive sound of the kookaburra in the Australian bush.

The English zoologist William Elford Leach described this bird in 1815. One of the purposes of their "laughter" is to mark out their territory. If one bird starts calling, others usually join in .



This kingfisher species has a famous reputation as a snake killer. It mainly hunts near running water and pray includes insects, snails, frogs, reptiles and sometimes even small birds.



A pair of kookaburras remain together throughout their life. They usually breed in tree cavities. The young leave the nest after about 30 days but it takes another 40 days for them to search for food on their own.



In the wild, their lifespan is about 11 years old. These birds are not an endangered species and even sometimes live around cities. There they get so used to people that they even dare to "steal" food.