



Kingfisher

Todiramphus sanctus Vigors & Horsfield, 1827

Length: 23cm

Weight: 55g

Other names: kōtare, green kingfisher, tree kingfisher

New Zealand status: Native

Conservation status: Not Threatened

A medium-sized kingfisher with a green-blue back, yellow-buff undersides, a large pointed black bill, a broad black eye-stripe from lores to ear-coverts, and a white collar in adults. Immatures are duller, with buff feather edges on upper parts and brownish mottling on the chest and collar.

Voice: Kingfishers have a wide range of unmusical calls, the most distinctive of which is the staccato 'kek-kek-kek' territorial call.