

BELTED KINGFISHER (*Ceryle alcyon*)

Order: CORACIIFORMES
Family: ALCEDINIDAE - Kingfishers

Species: 26-01-004

Distribution: Alaska and east across Canada, except the far north, to Labrador and Newfoundland; south through USA to Mexico and Gulf Coast. Winters north to the limit of unfrozen water and south to Central America and Caribbean Islands.

Nest: Excavated hole in a river bank or soft sea-cliff or quarry up to 6 feet above water. Habitats along streams and by ponds; also coastal bays, especially in winter.

Eggs: 5 to 8; white.

Diet: Dives for fish from perch or after hovering.

Song: A loud, dry, rattling call, often prolonged.

Size: 28 to 37 cm (11 to 14.5 inches).

Note: Other scientific name is *Megaceryle alcyon*

