


# HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BIRD?




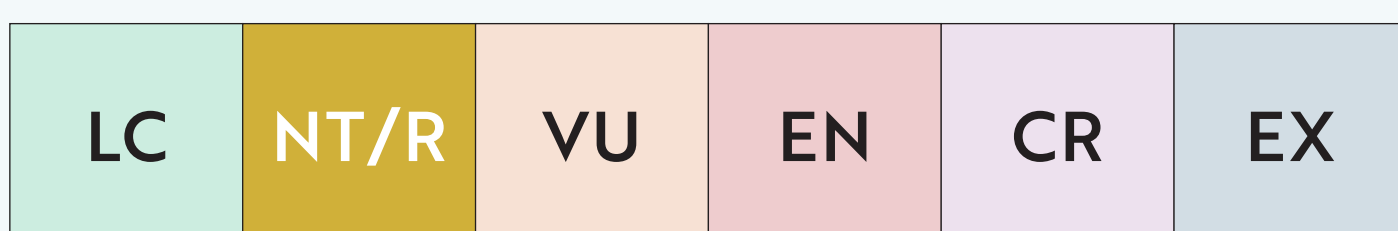
**NEAR THREATENED\***

## SACRED KINGFISHER

-  I'm a **Sacred Kingfisher** (*Todiramphus sanctus*), a medium-sized kingfisher that can reach 19-24cm in length.
-  I live in a range of tree habitats, including forests, parks, mangroves, and mudflats - but I'm never far from permanent water.
-  I'm quite a unique looking bird and easy to identify. You won't miss my large dark bill, but I also have a turquoise back, rump, tail and top of head, which contrasts my buff-white to rusty-orange belly. I also have a dark stripe that runs from the base of my bill, through my eye, and around the nape of my neck - below this is a broad cream collar around the base of my head. Also look for the buff-white/rusty coloured 'spotlight' spot at the base of my bill, in front of each eye.

-  I'm usually found on my own, though I will pair up to breed in Spring and Summer. I make a nest by excavating a hollow in a termite mound, hollow tree/branch, or river bank. You might spot me perching quietly on a branch searching for food, which could be insects, reptiles, crustaceans, or fish. When I spot my prey, I will swoop down to catch it, and then return to my perch to eat.

-  You might also hear me, especially during the breeding season. I have a loud, penetrating "ek-ek-ek-ek" call.



The Sacred Kingfisher  
is **Near Threatened\***

\*at the Adelaide Mount Lofty Ranges (AMLR) regional level