

DO YOU KNOW

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WHERE TO STAY

We have all heard about Kingfisher; the bird. And most of us have an idea about how they look like.

Well, they are actually cute looking birds; the type you wish you can keep in a cage and watch. However, it is not known for its warbling prowess; it is known for its colours.

In Sabah, their colours are as good as 'Joseph's coat of many colours'.

Some are bright blue with an orange or red 'bibs', some have white collars while others have metallic blue feathers.

Some dazzlingly tripped Kingfishers have also been sighted especially at the Kinabatangan Area.

The Kingfishers here belong to the family Alcedinidae with 11 species.

These kingfishers all sport large heads, long pointed, rather sharp bills, short legs and stubby tails.

This bird is found all over the world.

Kingfishers are not too fussy about where they love and they can be found living in forested as well as in swampy areas.

Those who live near the wetland will usually feed on small fish, frogs and insects.

Those who live in forested areas will eat small reptiles as well as their usual fare of insects.

Some of us may think that the Kingfishers swallow their food live and fresh, but I recently find out that they thump their food to death on hard surfaces before partaking of the morsels.

In Sabah, Kingfishers can be found almost every where including the Kinabatangan River and its Oxbow Lake. These birds can also be found in the Guomantung caves; helping to reduce the insect population there.



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SUNDAY 6am - 2pm
Kota Belud, Tuaran, Putatan, Papar, Babagon, Tambunan, Tenom, Membakut, Kota Marudu, Sikuati, Gaya Street Fair (Kota Kinabalu)

MONDAY 6am - 2pm
Tandek

TUESDAY 6am - 2pm
Kiulu

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Pinggan-pinggan, Tamparuli & Kudat

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