

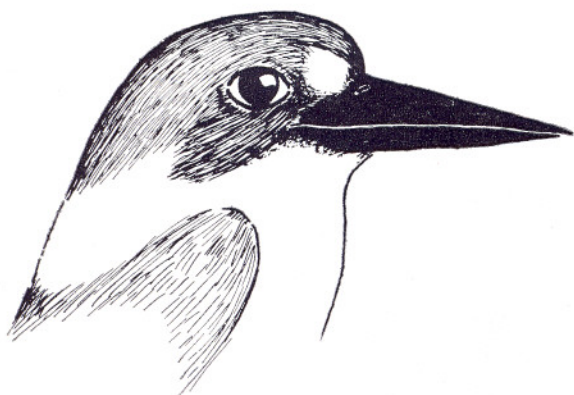
FOREST KINGFISHER



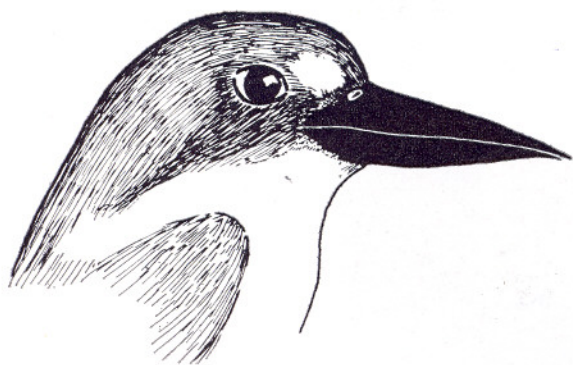
- *Forest Kingfisher (female) at the entrance to its nest in a termites' nest. The white wing spot is not visible in this position but the interrupted collar indicates the bird's sex.*

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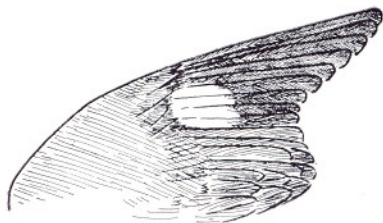
Forest Kingfisher *Halcyon macleayi*



ADULT MALE



ADULT FEMALE



WING

Drawings by S. Beresford

Adult Male

Head: Lores white, forming a well marked white spot in front of each eye.

Hind neck: Broad white collar.

Wing: White spot on inner primaries.

Adult Female

Head: White in front of each eye similar to male.

Hind neck: No broad white collar; similar colour to the crown.

Wing: White spot on inner primaries.

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTER

The white spot on the inner primaries, although not visible when the bird is sitting, is readily seen when the bird is flying or when held in the hand. This spot distinguishes the Forest Kingfisher from the Sacred Kingfisher *H. sancta* and the Mangrove Kingfisher *H. chloris*.



- The white wing spot is clearly visible as this bird alights at the entrance to its nest.

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