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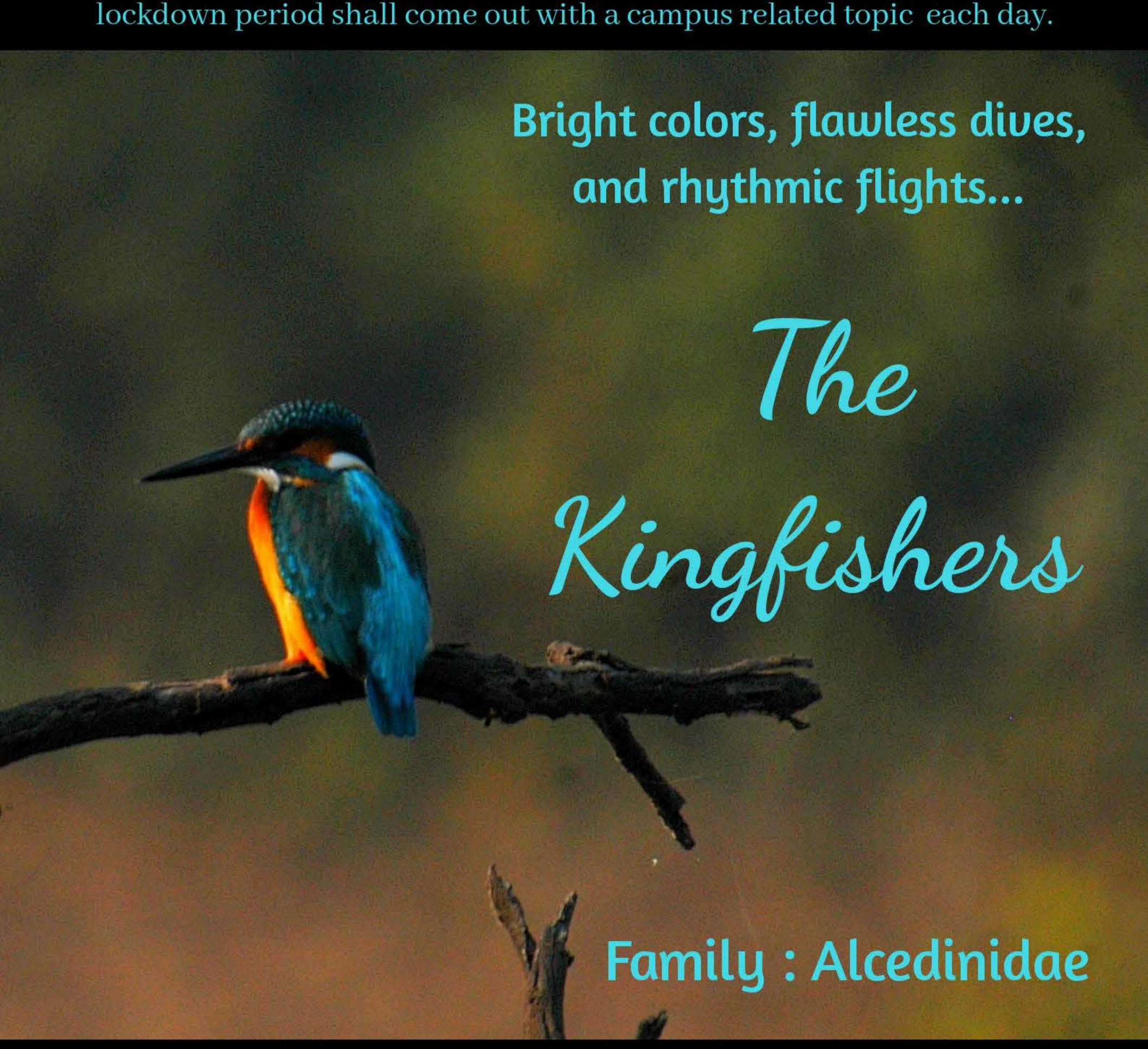


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The New Forest - the IFS training campus - an area which houses the FRI and its sister institutions including the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) is also home to a rich biodiversity. These flora and fauna become a part of our neighbourhood while we are at the campus. The campus is also adorned with heritage buildings, museums, nurseries and a beautiful landscape. This initiative is aimed at making us more familiar with our neighbourhood.

The KYC (Know your Campus) initiative started by the IFS 2019 batch in this



Peculiar characteristics -

- 1. A large head compared to its body
- 2. Long and point bill
- 3. Short legs
- 4. Most species have an attractive colouring
- 5. It's flight is low and fast.
- 6. Can hover in air before attempting a fast targeted dive into wate Click on the link below to see it dive and hunt like a pro.

https://youtu.be/MQVEdXN_Mnk



As the name suggests they are excellent fishermen - with fish as their major diet.

Other things include small crabs insects rodents

Distribution -



Habitat -

Majorly near aquatic ecosystems -Lakes and ponds Rivers and streams Creeks and estuaries

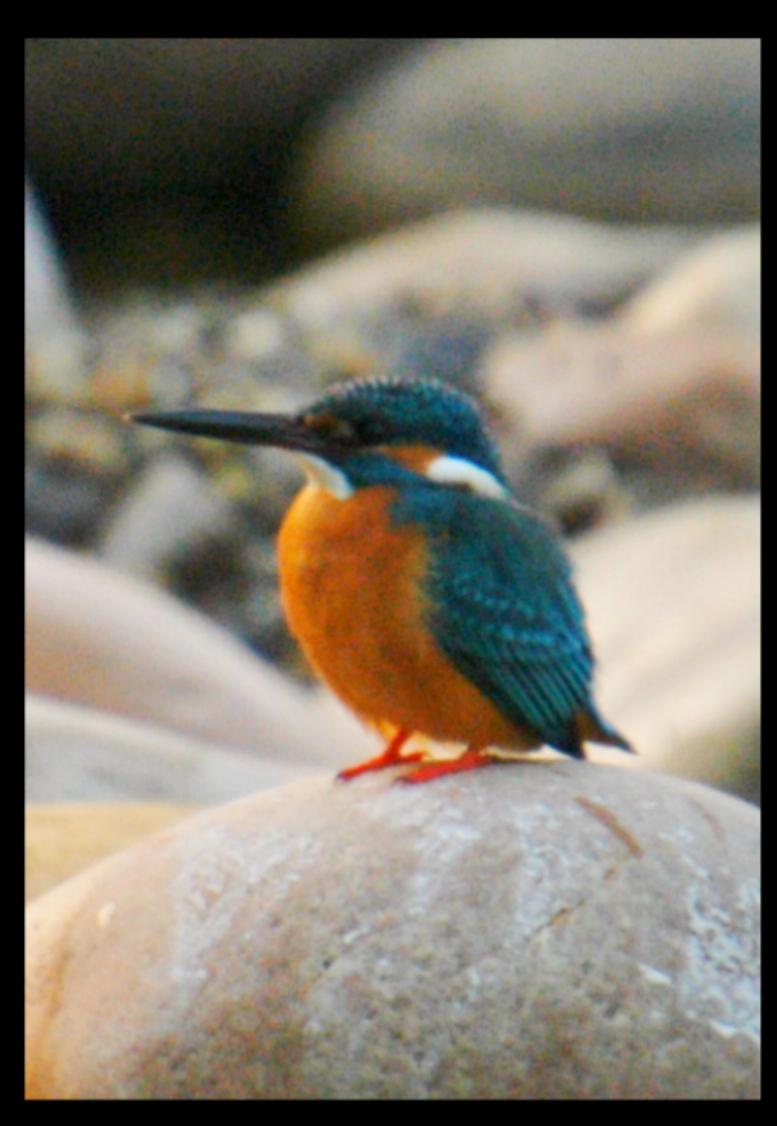
Near human inhabitations -Flooded farms and canals Nalahs

Nesting -

Usually nest in wall cavities, tunnels dug on water banks, unused pipe holes

About 114 species of kingfishers are found in the world 20 species are found in India

4 Species in FRI Campus



Common Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis



White throated

Kingfisher

Halcyon smyrnensis

About 16 cm

Shades of Bluish green color on back.

Pale orange belly.

Look for orange patch near White near throat.

the ear.



About 27 - 28 cm

Shades of Bluish green on back.

Bright red orangish head. White near throat.







Pied Kingfisher Ceryle rudis



About 25 cm

Black and white body with crest





Did you know?

Kingfishers are territorial and try to dominate good fishing grounds.

They are species of the ecotone zones as they prefer shallow waters.

About 42 am
Rather rare bird.
Black and white body with
a Shaggy streaked crest





Walk down to the Tons banks, if luck you may spot all four of them at one place.

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Bird calls: www.xeno-canto.org