

3. Extreme Families

Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

Attribute - Giving each youngster a fair chance to be fed

3.7 The Fairest chick provision

EXTREME BIRDS

Geographical Distribution – Much of Eurasia and North Africa

A common kingfisher tends its young. The Kingfisher burrow might not look like an unusual scene but what goes on here is truly exceptional. A nest full of chicks is a competitive, ruthless environment. Kingfishers nestling lie down in a circle, back to back, and just one of them orients itself towards the light coming in from the nest hole entrance. This remarkable arrangement, known as “*carousel system*”, ensures that each youngster is regularly fed.

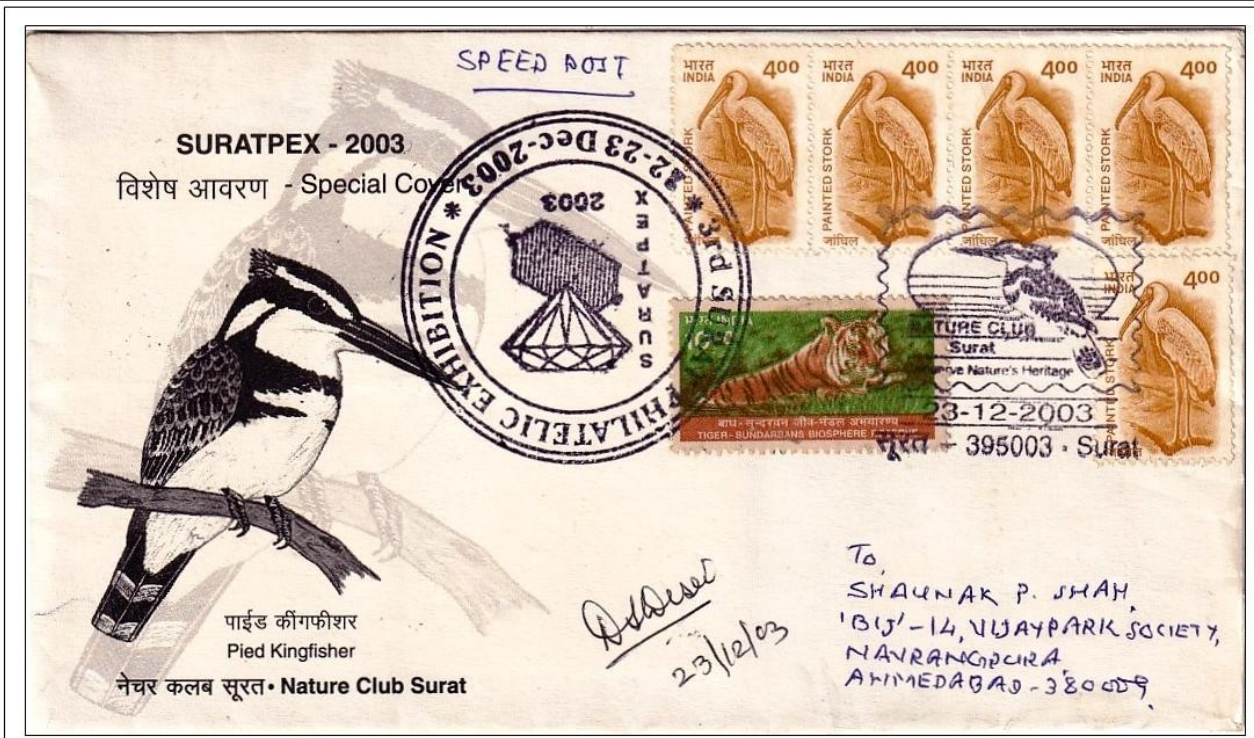
Kookaburra is an incidental naturalist, who can laugh like humans, and is essentially a Kingfisher of bigger body size.

1985 - JJ Audubon, commemorative. A renowned American born Painter and an Ornithologist. An Imperf and a perforated issue. →



↑ A 6pence 1937 Definitive Kookaburra tied with pair of 6 pence 1937 Kookaburra definitive.

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