



Kingfisher are on the Amber list of species of conservation concern in Britain

The Kingfisher is an expert fisherman that catches its food with spectacular dives from perches such as tree branches above the water. They nest in a burrow which is normally excavated into a soft vertical bank. They're seldom seen but often betray their presence by a loud piping call. Kingfisher are excellent indicators of the quality of their wetland habitats.

Kingfisher are susceptible to the effects of harsh winters, when many birds will starve, unable to gain access to their principal food source because of ice. Kingfisher are prodigious breeders, with up to four broods of up to six young produced each year and numbers can fluctuate widely from year to year.

Adopting this iconic species could help with the following specific actions or projects for this species:

- Creating an artificial Kingfisher breeding bank
- River restoration works
- Fish management projects to provide prey

The key actions for this species your support could go towards are:

- Understanding the current distribution of Kingfisher in the Lee Valley
- Facilitating the colonisation of new water bodies and courses through the enhancement and creation of suitable habitats
- Using Kingfisher to raise awareness of the importance of water quality and wetland habitats for biodiversity

