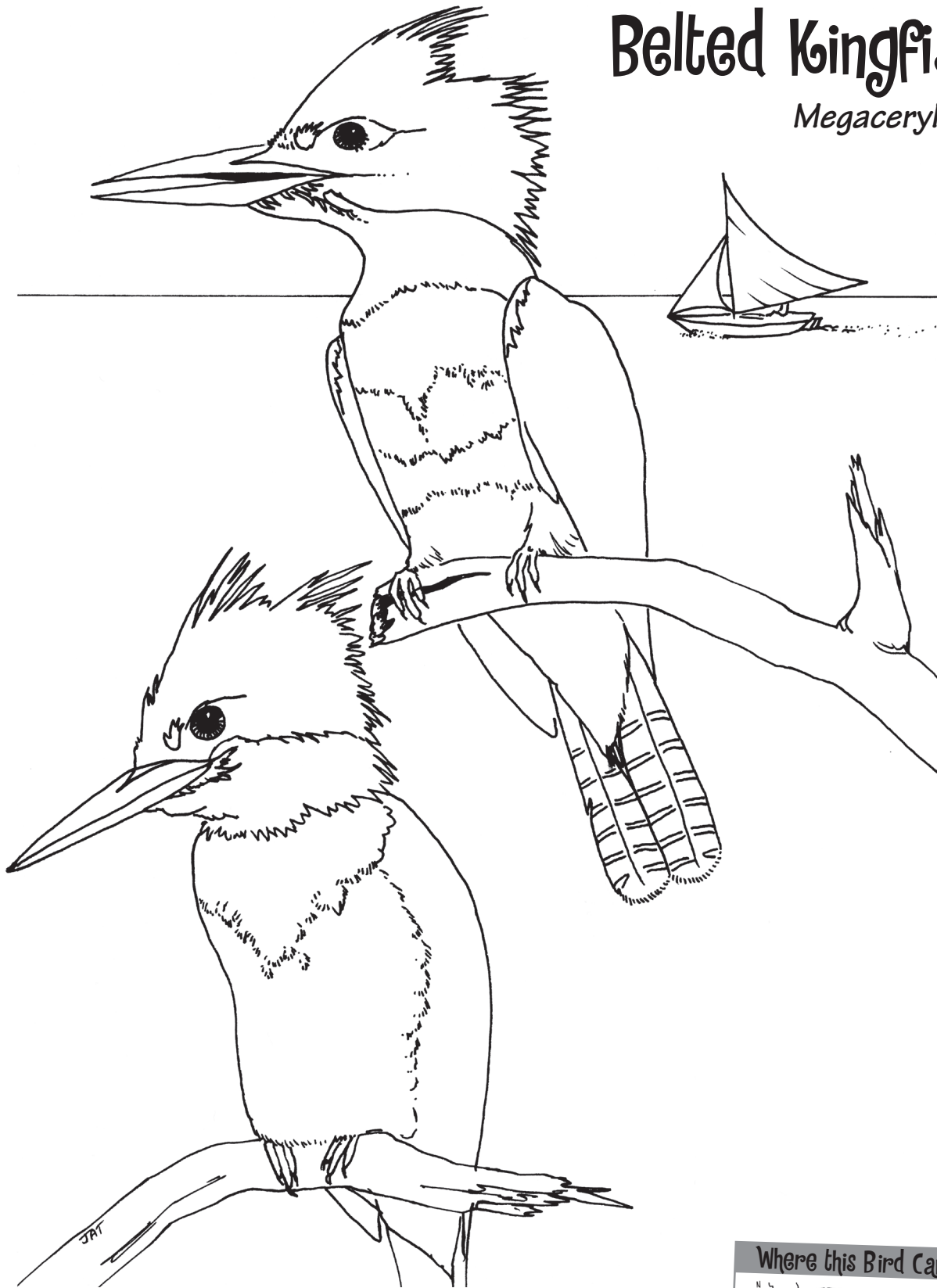


Belted Kingfisher

Megaceryle alcyon



About this Bird

The Belted Kingfisher is easy to spot, sitting on a branch or wire overlooking water. It has a big head with a shaggy crest, stout pointed bill and short legs. Both male and female birds have a slate-blue head and back, white collar and underparts with a blue breast band. Females have an orange-brown lower band and sides. Belted Kingfishers hover over water or watch from low perches, then dive headfirst to catch fish. They frequently announce their presence by their loud rattling calls. A common migrant to the Caribbean, they are seen from September to April. *Bird Size 33 cm, 13 in.*

Where this Bird Can Be Found

