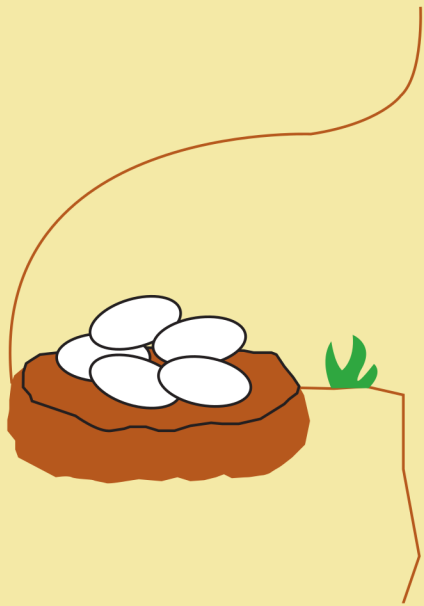


# BELTED KINGFISHER

*(Megaceryle alcyon)*

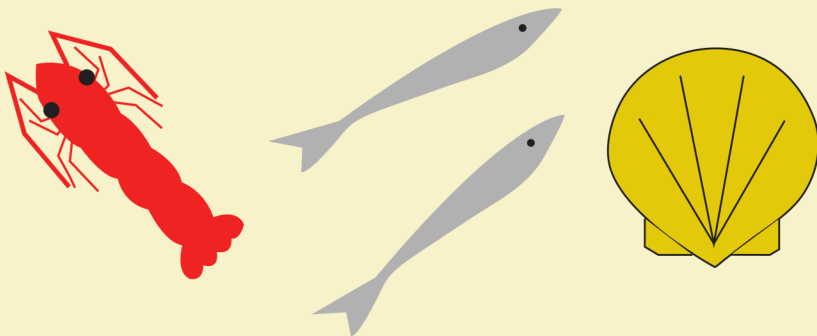


- The Belted Kingfisher breeds locally in suitable habitat in the United States and Canada. They require earthen banks so that they can dig out a burrow to nest in.



- During winter many of the northern breeding Belted Kingfishers migrate south as far as northern South America.

- The diet of the Belted Kingfisher consists mainly of fish, although these birds are also known to eat a variety of other small vertebrates and invertebrates. Starting as fledglings, they regurgitate pellets that hold their prey's bones and scales, which they cannot digest.



- Because they live along the banks of waterways, Belted Kingfishers may become entangled in plastic pollutants such as discarded fishing gear.

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