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# Kōtare (Kingfisher)

*Todiramphus sanctus*



Sparklers

## Characteristics

Kōtare are a distinctive and super colourful manu. They love to hang out around fresh water.

You can notice if kingfishers are nearby when you spot the burrows they dig – usually found in the side of trees, cliffs, and riverbanks.

Kōtare go fishing for crabs, tadpoles, small fish, insects, and even birds. Kōtare hunt by staying very still and then jumping at their prey in a blur!

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Do you love to spend time by your local awa (river)? Have you got a sharp eye to notice things around you?

**Are you a bit like a kōtare?**



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**What can we learn  
from kōtare?**

**How might we apply  
this in our classroom?**

