

A pair of Kingfishers at Puhinui – no ordinary story

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During the last few three years I have followed and photographed the kingfishers breeding at Puhinui. In the 2014/15 season three pairs nested. Individual birds can be recognised by small details of markings in their plumage and bills.



Unable to hunt and catch prey properly she helps dispatch it and feeds it to the chicks.



She does not give up and starts to catch food for her chicks again.



Her condition improves and the chicks do well.



She recovered fully and hopefully will return to breed again next year.



This is one of those pairs. For the female perched on the branch this season proved to be particularly tough.



During the second week of feeding her chicks she suffered a bad injury to her eye.



For the first few days after the accident it is her mate who brings most of the food for her chicks.



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