

## EXTENSION OF RANGE OF *ALCEDO PUSILLA*

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On 10 July 1985 a small kingfisher flew into one of the offices at the Forest Research Station, Bulolo, Morobe Province. It was photographed and identified as *Alcedo pusilla*. Beehler (1978) does not include it in his guide which covers birds above 500 m. Coates (1985) states that the species (which he calls *Ceyxpusilla*) is a lowlands one which has been recorded locally as high as 540 m on the Sogeri Plateau. The altitude at the Forest Research Station being approximately 750 m, this is a significant extension to the known range especially as higher points exist between Bulolo and the coastal lowlands.

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