

Living With Wildlife: HERONS & KINGFISHERS



ISSUE - EATING FISH OUT OF A POND

- Provide lots of places for fish to hide (e.g. water lilies, cinder blocks, ceramic drain tile, wire baskets, or sections of PVC pipes sunk to the bottom of the pond).

***Hérons** usually land in an open area a short distance from the edge of the pond, then walk over to the fish. Some ways you can make this more difficult is to:*

- Create a fencing or vegetation perimeter barrier around the pond.
- Make the pond sides steep and keep the water level 8 to 12 inches below the edge of the pond. This makes it harder for predators to reach the fish.
- Ensure the pond is at least 3 feet deep at all points. This will make it more difficult for a heron to fish effectively.

***Kingfishers** sit on a perch or hover above ponds to spot fish.*

- Install a net cover, tightly stretched; as birds can easily become tangled in loose netting.



Great Blue Heron



Belted Kingfisher