



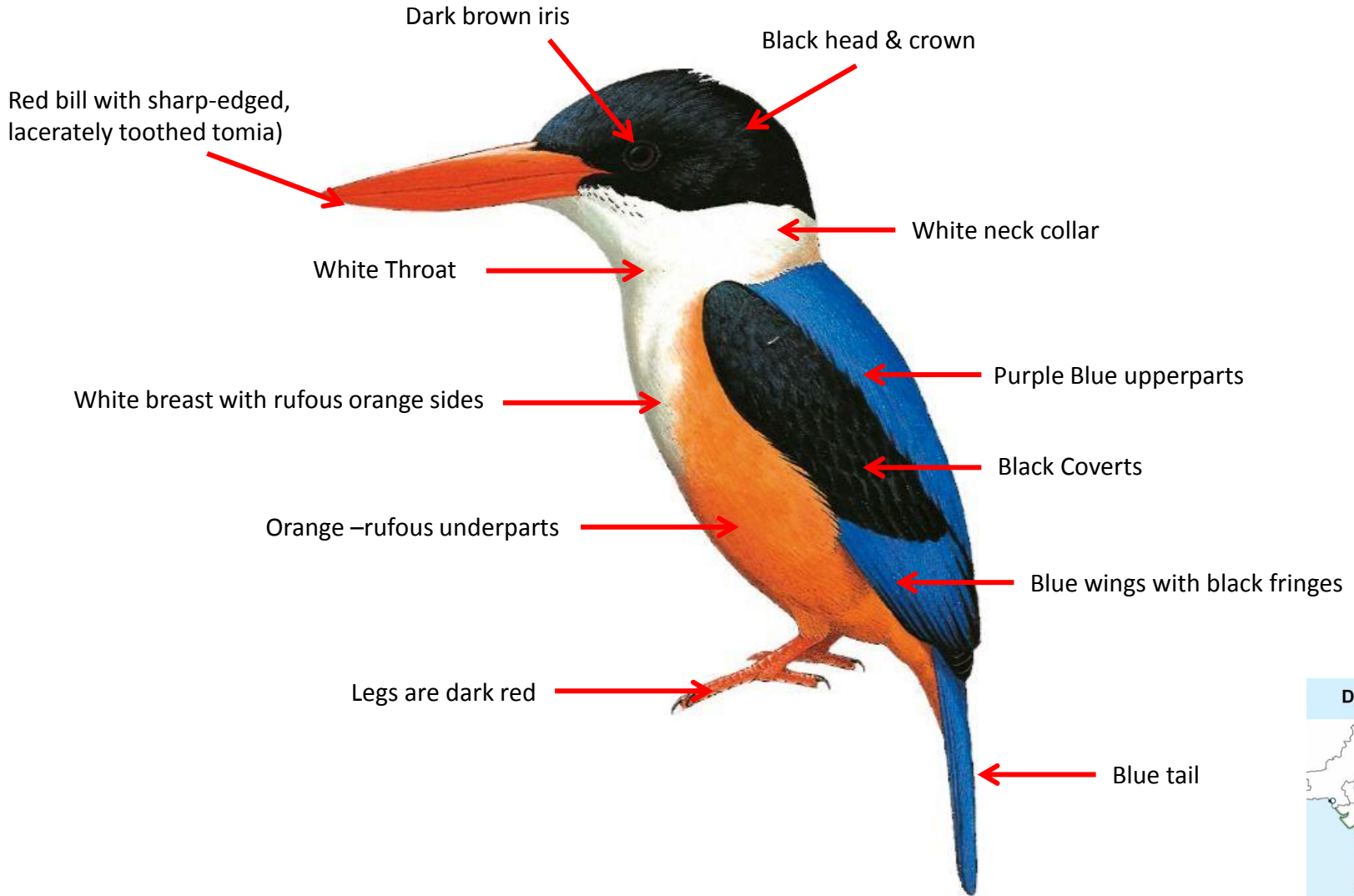
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of the Kingfisher found in India
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List of Kingfisher found in India

Sno.	Name	<i>Binomial Name</i>
1	Black-capped Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon pileata</i>
2	Blue-eared Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo meninting</i>
3	Blyth's Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo hercules</i>
4	Brown-winged Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis amauroptera</i>
5	Collared Kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus chloris</i>
6	Common Kingfisher	<i>Alcedo atthis</i>
7	Crested Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle lugubris</i>
8	Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher Black-backed Dwarf Kingfisher	<i>Ceyx erithaca</i>
9	Pied Kingfisher	<i>Ceryle rudis</i>
10	Ruddy Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon coromanda</i>
11	Stork-billed Kingfisher	<i>Pelargopsis capensis</i>
12	White-throated Kingfisher	<i>Halcyon smyrnensis</i>

Black-capped Kingfisher Identification Tips

Black-capped Kingfisher : *Halcyon pileata*: Resident mainly in coasts of India



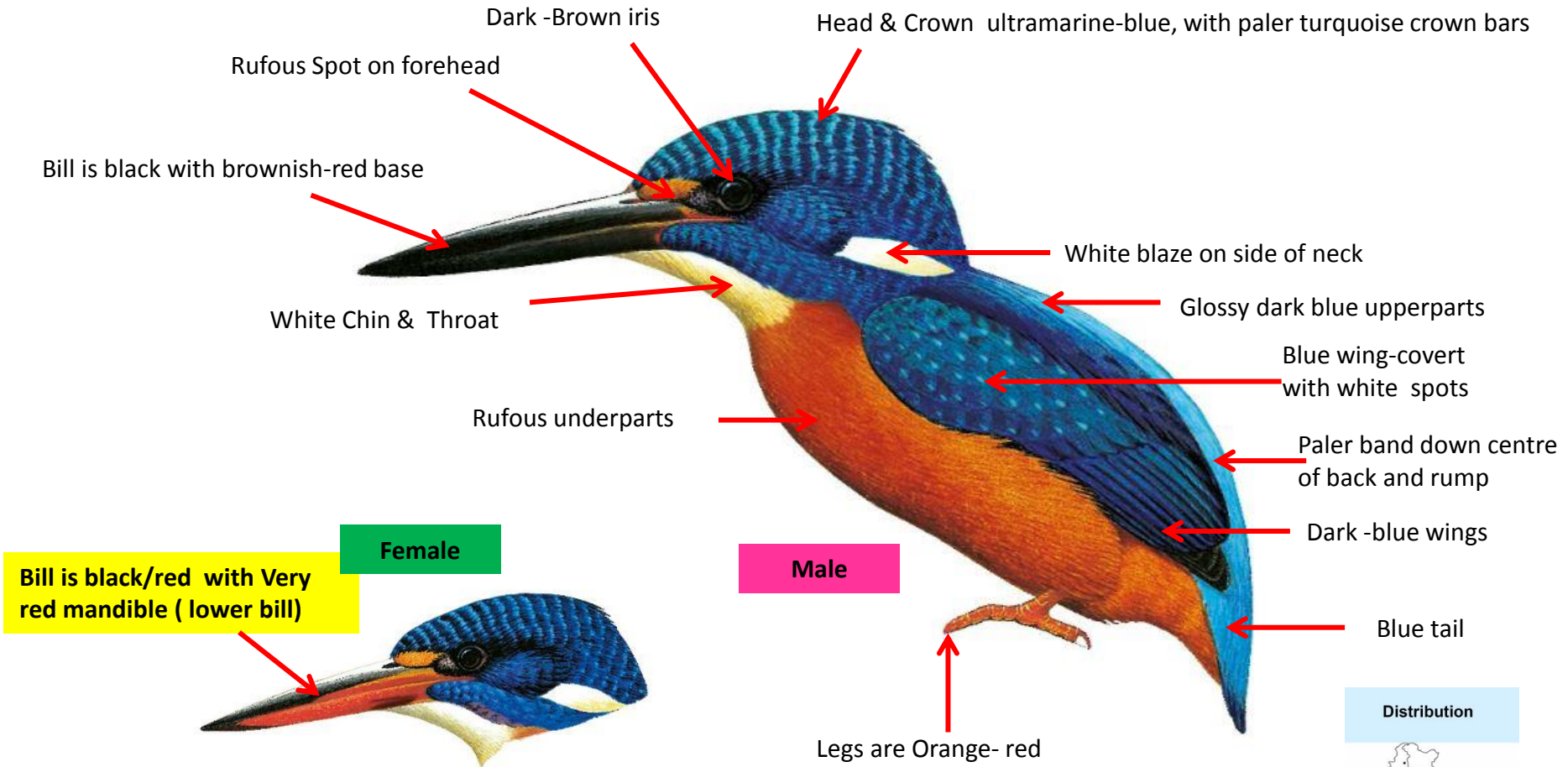
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Blue-eared Kingfisher Identification Tips

Blue-eared Kingfisher : *Alcedo meninting*: Resident in Himalayan foothills , Andaman & Nicobar , North East, East & South West India



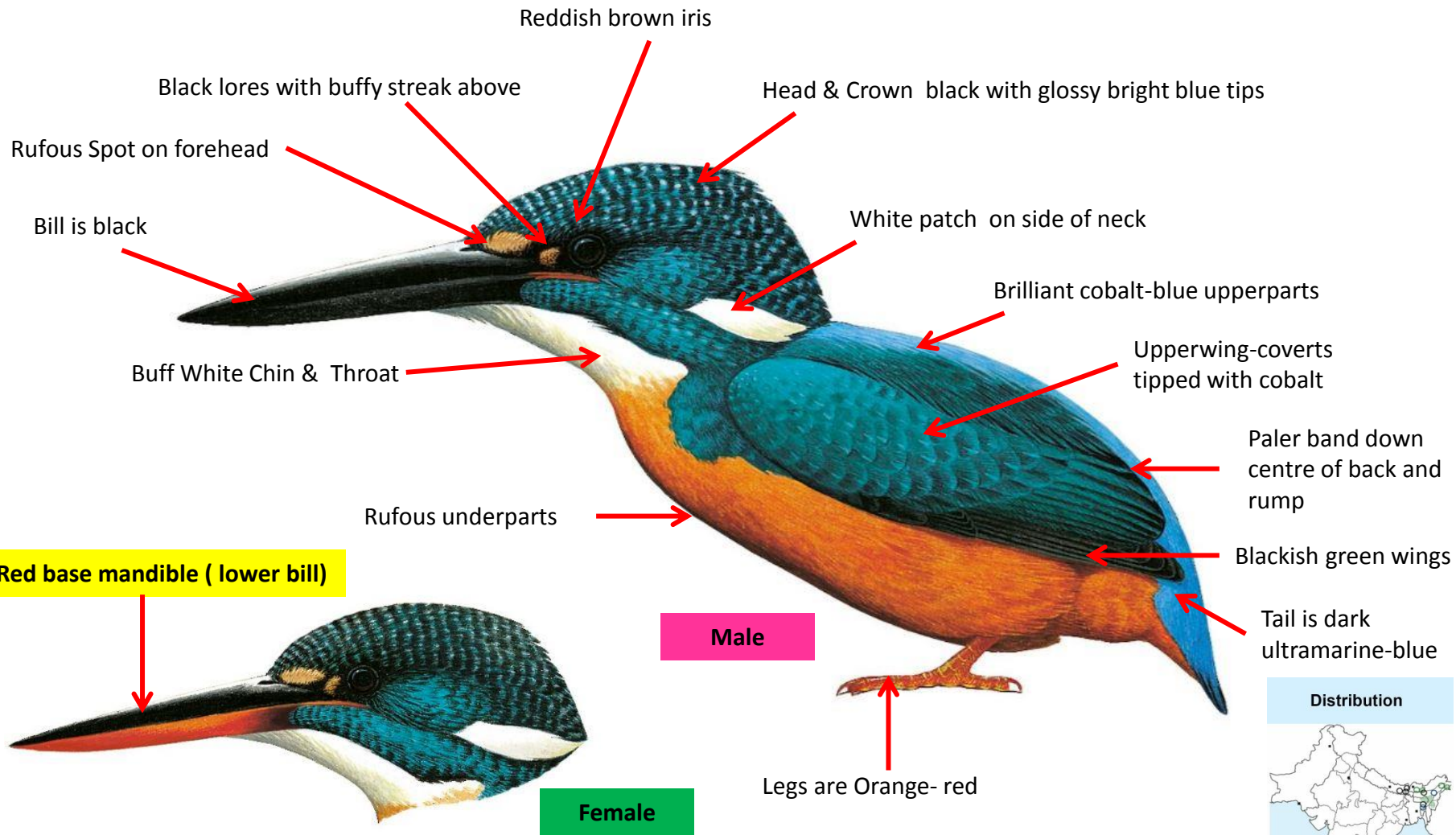
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Blyth's Kingfisher Identification Tips

Blyth's Kingfisher : *Alcedo hercules*: Resident in North East India

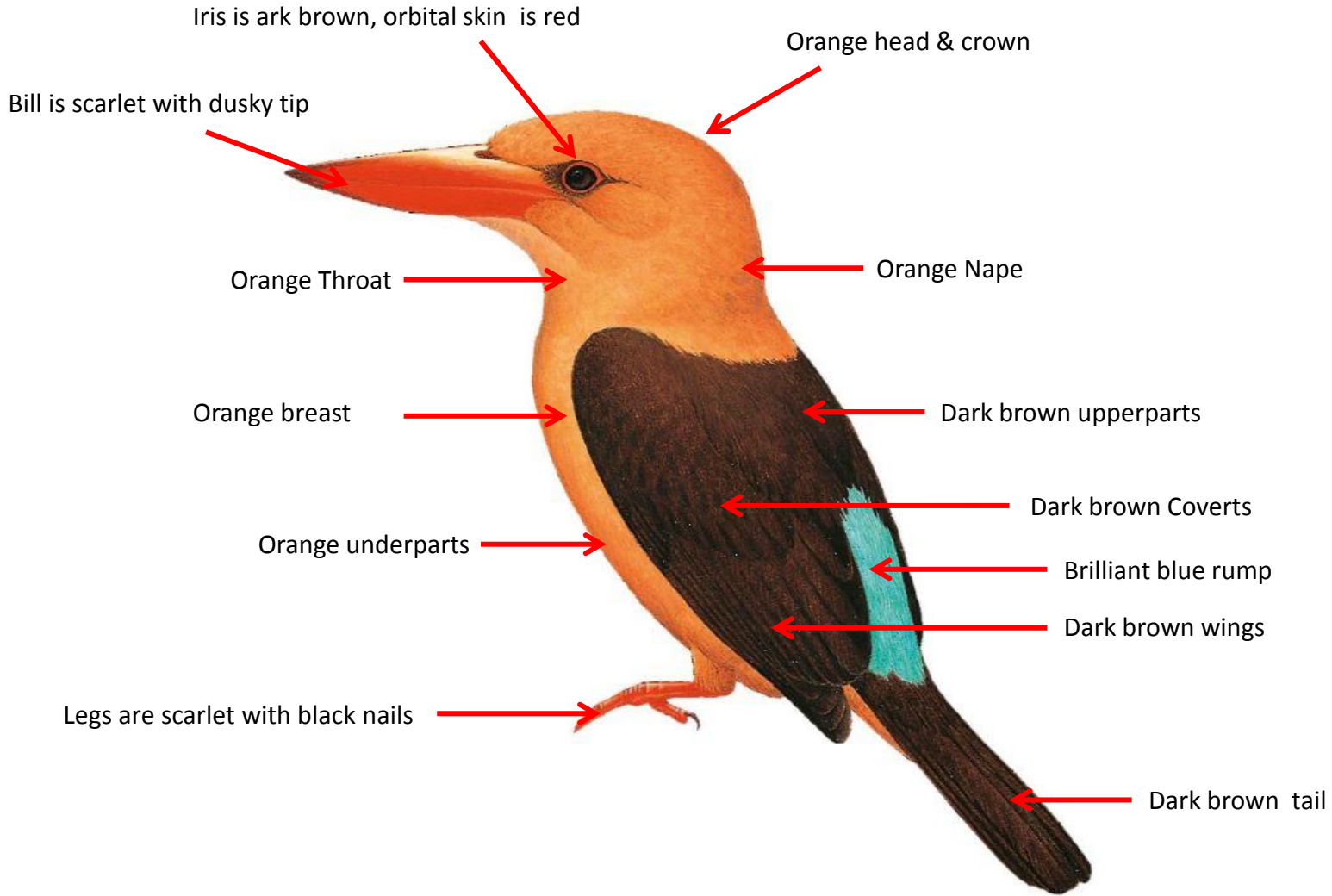


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Brown-winged Kingfisher Identification Tips

Brown-winged Kingfisher: *Pelargopsis amauroptera*: Resident of East India



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Collared Kingfisher Identification Tips

Collared Kingfisher : *Todiramphus chloris*: Resident in Goa, Odisha, West Bengal & Andaman & Nicobar Islands in India

***T. c. humii* - Resident of Odisha & West Bengal)**

White supercilium till eye

Blue Mask

Olive upperparts

White supraloral spot

Upper mandible grey-black, lower mandible yellowish-horn with dark brown cutting edges and tip

Greenish-blue crown

Black mask

White collar

Greenish-blue Upperparts

White upperparts

Blue wings

***T. c. occipitalis* – Resident of Nicobar Islands**

Buffish supercilium

Blackish green Ear covers

***T. c. davisoni* – resident of Andaman Islands**

Blackish green Ear covers

Buffish wash to underparts

Buffish wash to underparts

Legs and feet dark grey, soles yellowish

Blue tail

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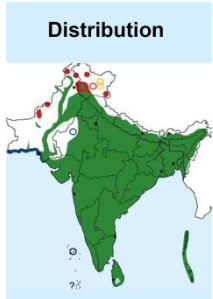
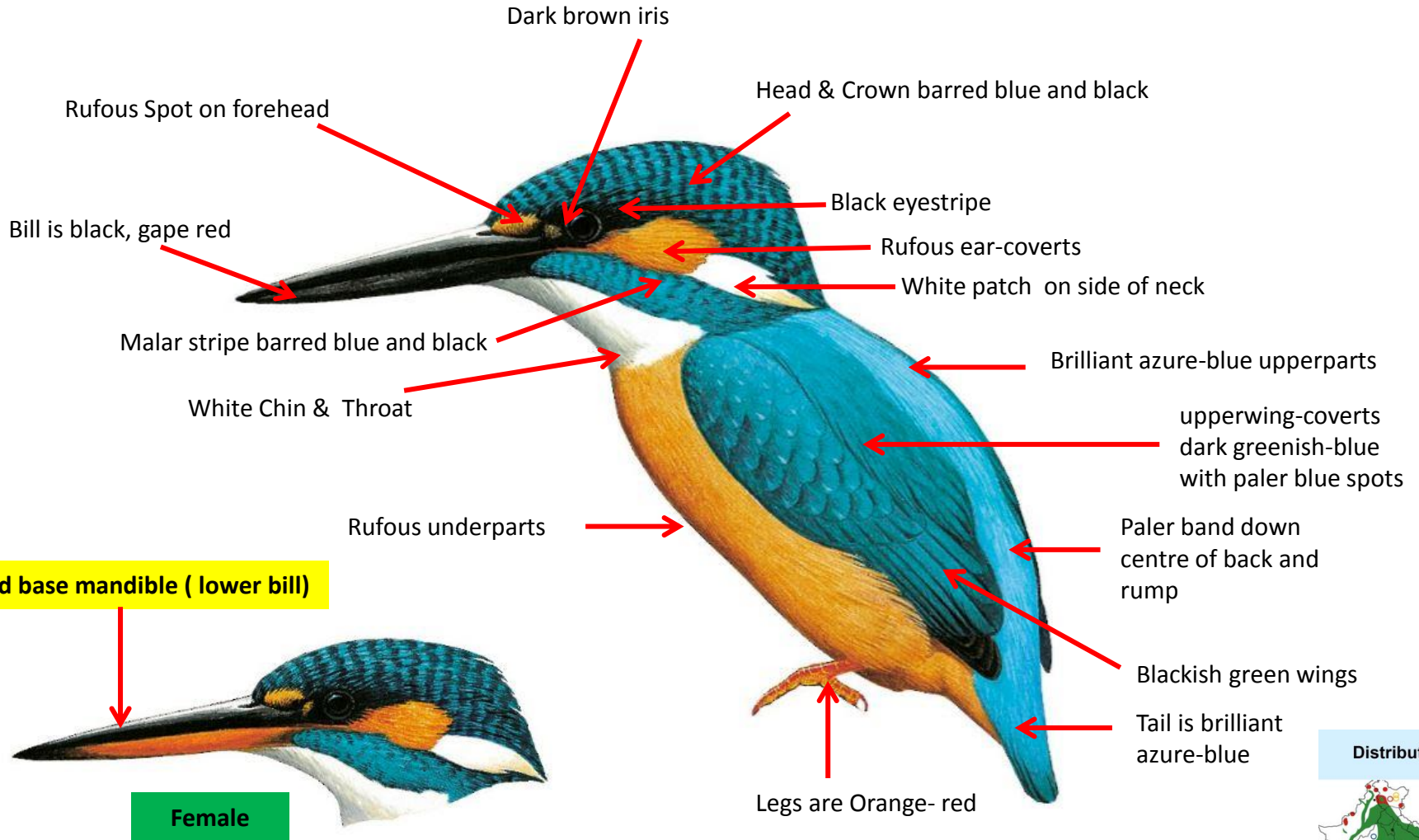


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Common Kingfisher Identification Tips

Common Kingfisher : *Alcedo atthis*: Widespread Resident in India

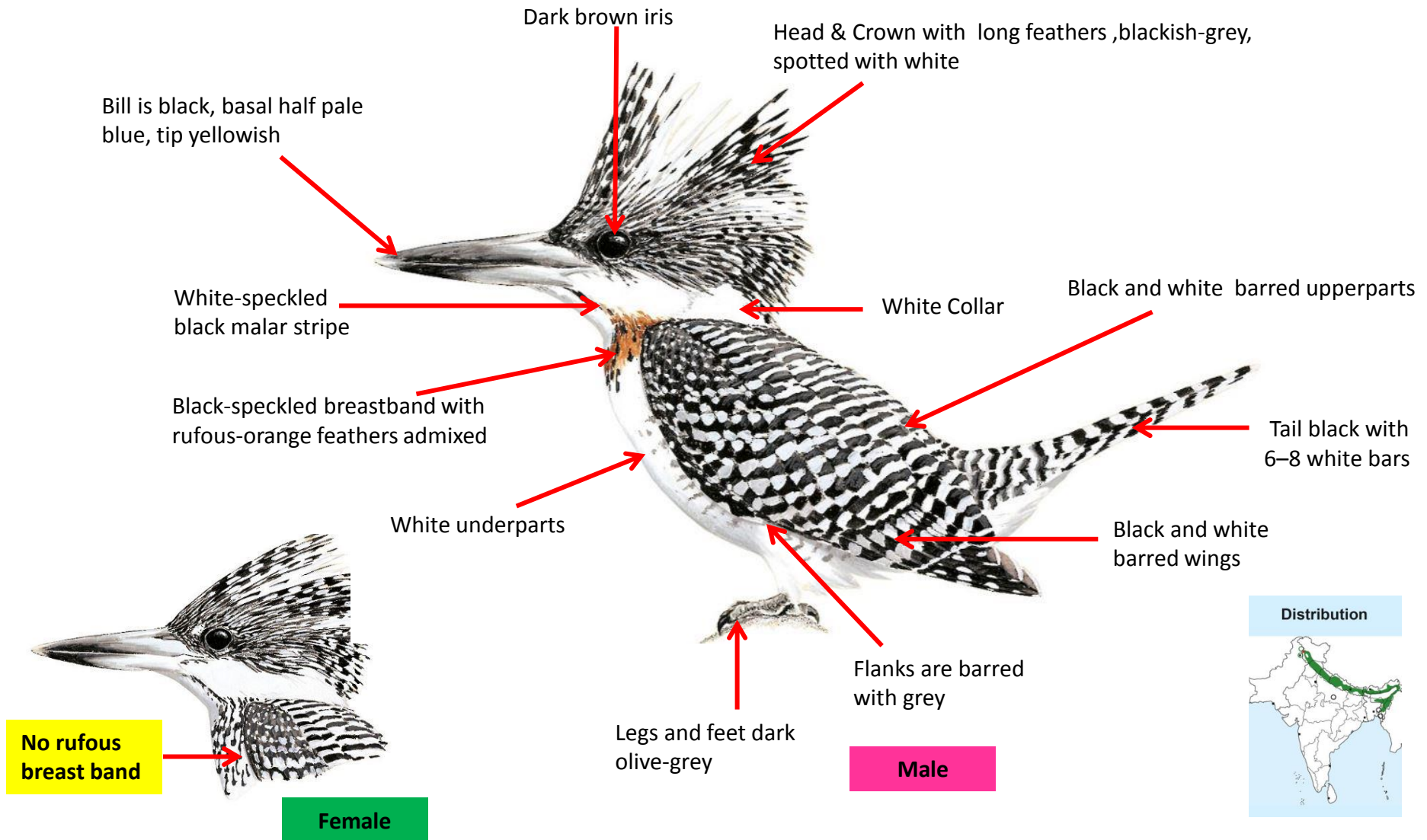


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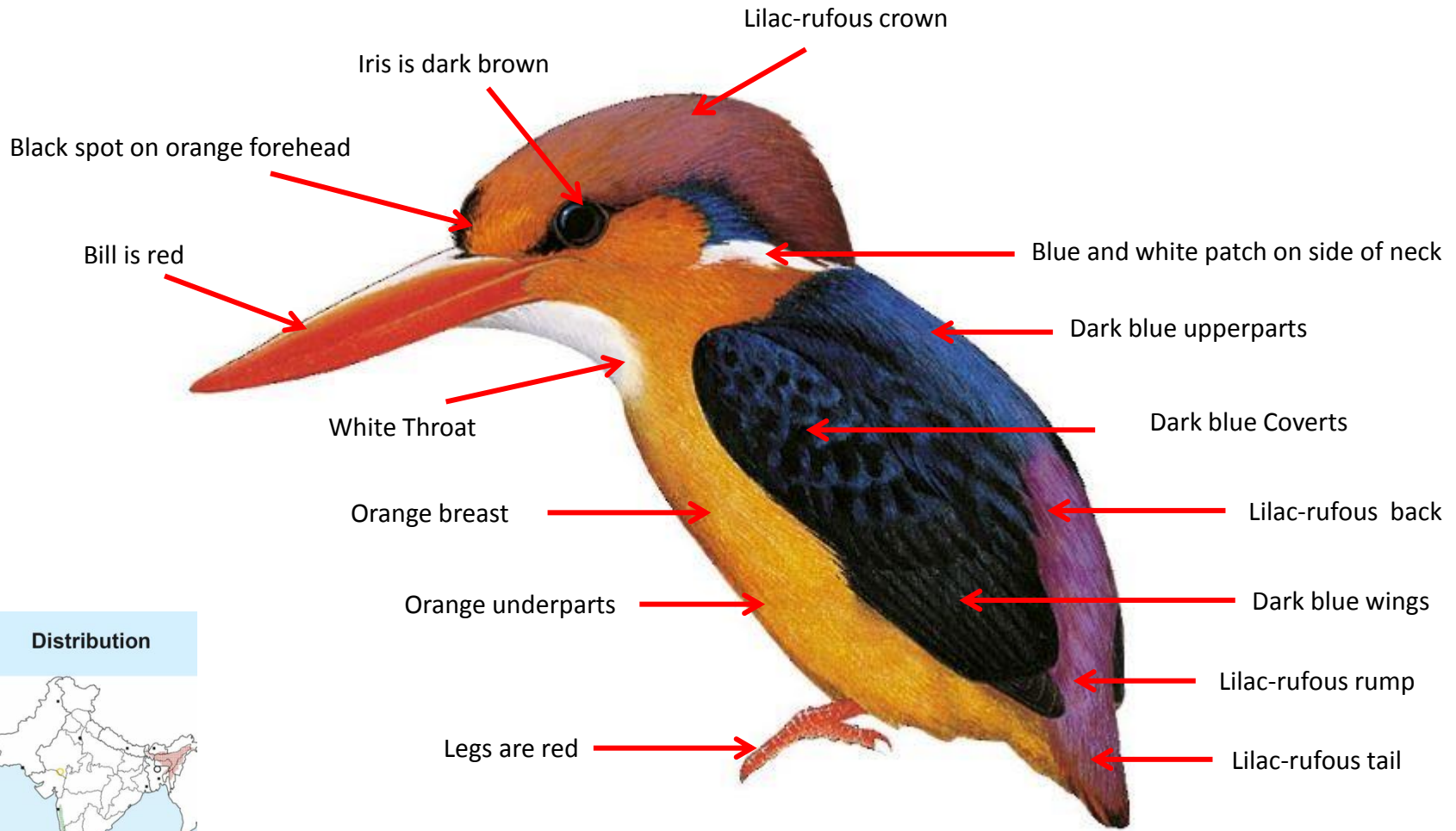
Crested Kingfisher Identification Tips

Crested Kingfisher : *Megaceryle lugubris* : Resident in Himalayas & North East India



Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher) Identification Tips

Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher (Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher) : *Ceyx erithaca*: Resident of South West & Andaman & Nicobar Island ; summer visitor to East Himalayan foothills & North East India

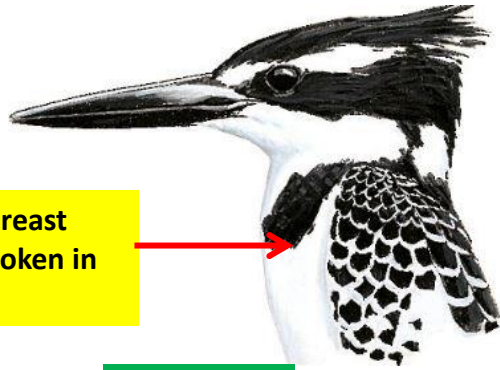


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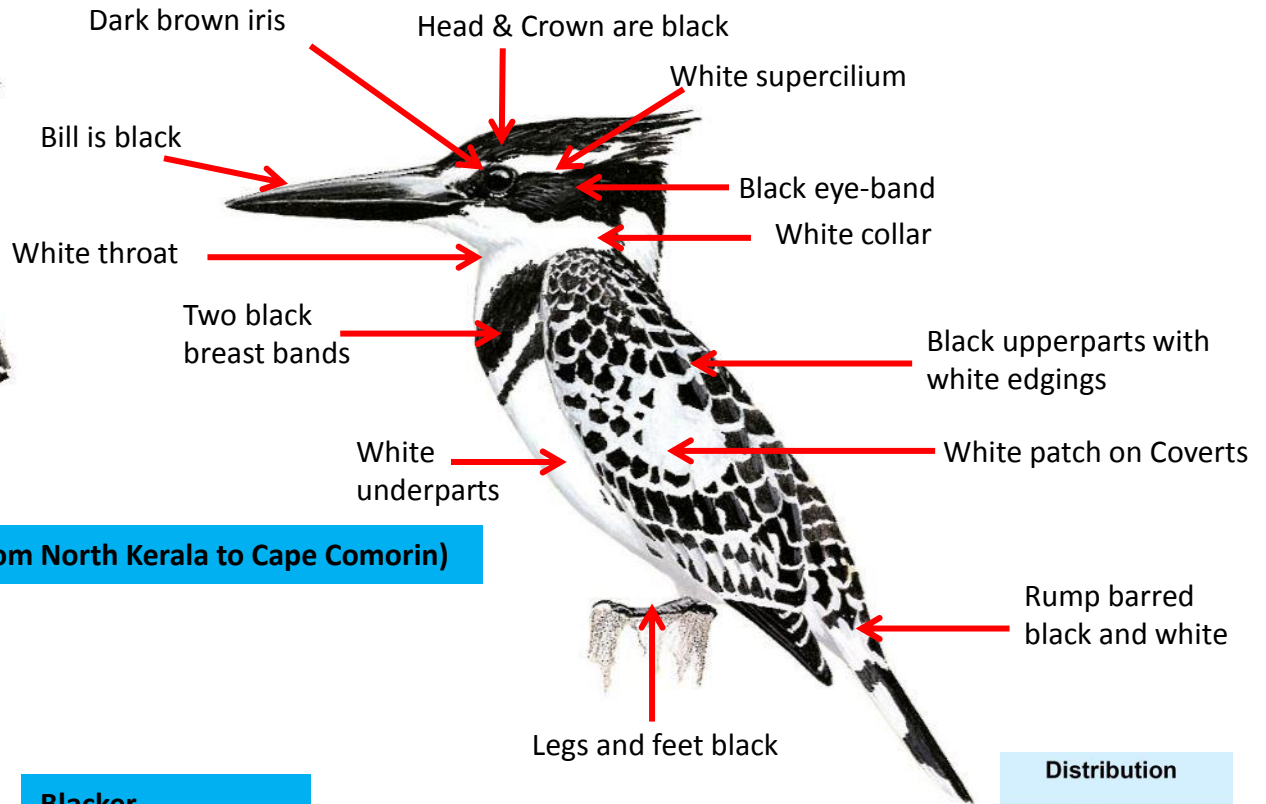
Pied Kingfisher Identification Tips

Pied Kingfisher : *Ceryle rudis*: Widespread Resident in India



Female

Single breast band broken in Centre



Dark brown iris

Head & Crown are black

White supercilium

Bill is black

Black eye-band

White collar

White throat

Two black breast bands

Black upperparts with white edgings

White underparts

White patch on Coverts

Rump barred black and white

Legs and feet black

Male

C. r. travancoreensis – South West India (from North Kerala to Cape Comorin)

Longer bill

Black spots on throat

Blacker upperparts

Black spots on flanks

Male



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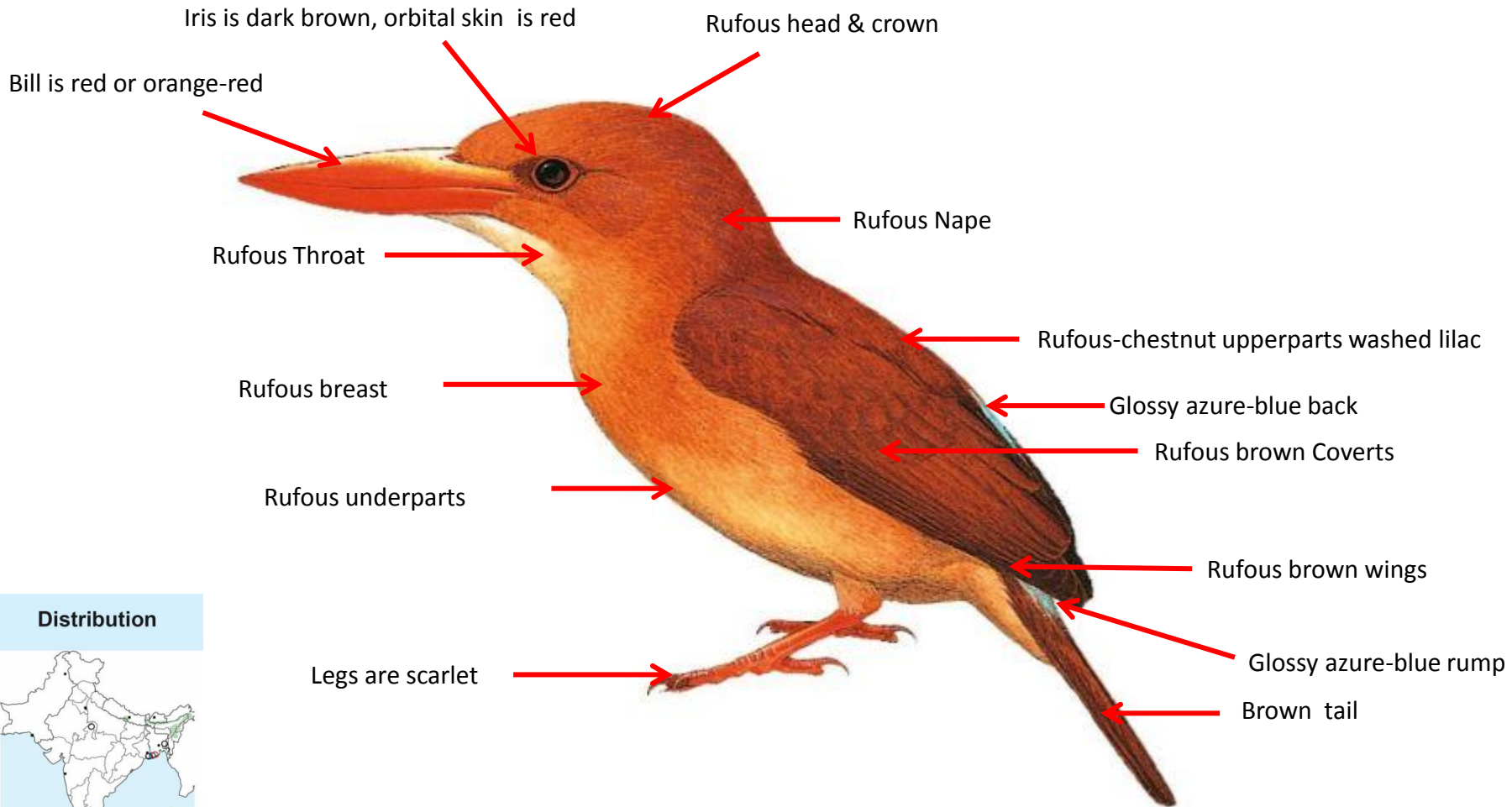
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Ruddy Kingfisher Identification Tips

Ruddy Kingfisher: *Halcyon coromanda* : Resident of East Himalayan foothills & North East India



Distribution



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Stork-billed Kingfisher Identification Tips

Stork-billed Kingfisher : *Pelargopsis capensis* : *Widespread* Resident in India (Except North West & Mainland peninsular India)

***P. c. Osmastoni* – Resident of Andaman Island**

Brown head



Dark brown iris
Head & Crown are olive-brown

Bill is scarlet, darker at tip

White throat
Buff Neck

Buff breast
Dark green-blue upperparts

Buff underparts
Blue Coverts

Rump is Azure blue

Legs and feet Orange-red

Blue Tail

***P. c. intermedia* – Resident of Nicobar Island**

Rich yellowish-buff head

Black spots on throat

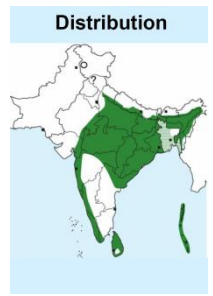
Dark blue upperparts

Cobalt Blue back

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Difference from male

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White-throated Kingfisher Identification Tips

White-throated Kingfisher : *Halcyon smyrnensis*: Widespread resident in India

