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Brian, these photographs taken earlier this month.

Mangrove Kingfisher - diet

Photo-info email - 2nd week August 2019.

The Mangrove Kingfishers that overwinter along the KZN coast will be heading south to their E Cape breeding grounds within the next 2 - 3 weeks.



They feed predominantly on crabs during the winter months.....



..... but occasionally also take invertebrates.



Knowing that mangrove grabs are abundant and fairly easy to prey upon, why then would they bother to catch, and eat a small fly-sized insect?



[..enlarged images](#)





A change of diet, away from crustaceans is probably P needed. But why bother with prey this size? Perhaps they know something about these insects that we don't!

Hugh Chittenden

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