

Rainbow Bee-eater

Merops ornatus

Length 22-25 cm from tip of beak to tip of tailstreamers

Wingspan 31-34 cm

Weight 26-30 g

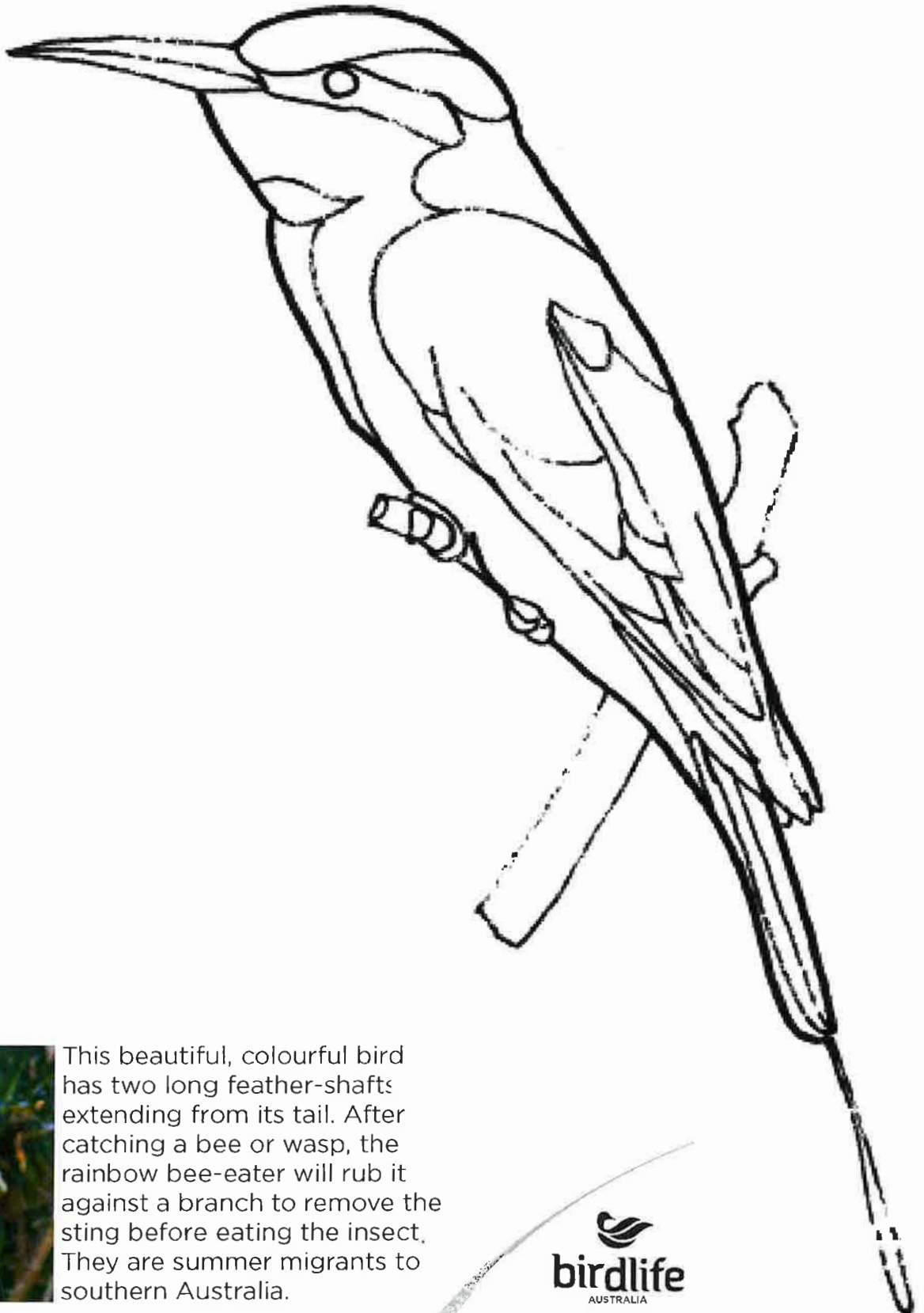


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This beautiful, colourful bird has two long feather-shafts extending from its tail. After catching a bee or wasp, the rainbow bee-eater will rub it against a branch to remove the sting before eating the insect. They are summer migrants to southern Australia.

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