

Endangered Species ID

Black-crowned night-heron *Nycticorax nycticorax*

Identification Tips:

- Length: 20 inches Wingspan: 44 inches
- Sexes similar
- Fairly small, stocky, short-legged and short-necked heron
- Bill medium-sized and pointed

Adult:

- Red eyes, legs yellow
- Black bill
- Black crown and back
- White face, throat, foreneck, chest and belly
- Blue-gray wings
- Two long, white, filamentous plumes extending from back of head in alternate plumage



.Juvenile

Adult

Juvenile:

- Eyes yellowish to amber, legs dull greyish
- Yellow base to bill
- Brown head, neck, chest and belly streaked with buff and white
- Wings and back darker brown with large white spots at the tips of the feathers; spots especially large on the greater secondary coverts

Yellow-crowned night-heron *Nyctanassa violacea*

Identification Tips:

- Length: 21 inches Wingspan: 44 inches
- Sexes similar
- Fairly small, long-legged, short-necked heron
- Tucks neck in close to body in flight and often at rest, rarely extending it
- Black bill
- Leg color varies with age, as with Black Crowns
- Long legs, with feet and part of legs extending beyond tail in flight

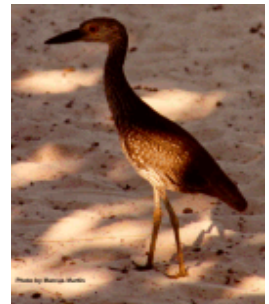
Adult:

- Red eyes
- Blue-gray neck, chest, back and belly
- Dark centers to back feathers
- Pale yellowish forehead and buffy-white crown
- Black face and chin with broad white auricular stripe

Adult



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Juvenile:

- Eyes yellowish to amber
- Head, neck, chest and belly dark gray-brown streaked finely with buff and white
- Darker cap
- Wings and back darker brown with small white spots at the tips of the feathers

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Great egret *Ardea alba*

Identification Tips:

- Length: 32 inches Wingspan: 55 inches
- Sexes similar
- Large long-legged long-necked wading bird
- Usually holds neck in an "S" curve in flight
- Long, thick yellow bill
- Black legs and feet
- Entirely white plumage
- Juvenile similar to basic-plumaged adult

Adult

