

B19 GREAT EGRET

Length 39"

TRAITS: Tall white heron. Yellow bill. Black legs and feet.

HABITATS: Present in late fall and winter. Open water, aquatic beds, emergent wetlands, and mudflats.

FOODS: Fish, frogs, aquatic invertebrates.

THREATS: Unknown.

“GEE WHIZ”: Hunts by walking slowly or waiting for prey to swim by as it stands in shallow water or mudflats.



B20 AMERICAN CROW

Length 17"

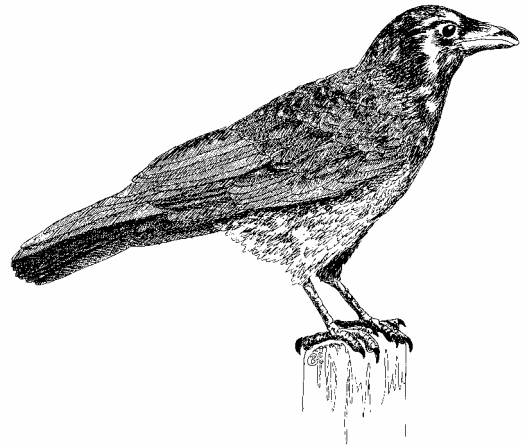
TRAITS: Large and stocky. Black all over. Square tail.

HABITATS: Permanent resident. Wet prairie and upland prairies, also shrubs and open deciduous woodlands. Nests in trees or shrubs.

FOODS: Insects, carrion, songbird eggs, seeds.

THREATS: Unknown.

“GEE WHIZ”: Forms large flocks except during the nesting season.



B21 OSPREY

Length 22-25"

TRAITS: Dark brown above and white below. White head with dark eye stripe.

HABITATS: Present in spring and summer. Might be seen during winter. Lakes, rivers, streams. Builds large nests in trees or on platforms in or near water.

FOODS: Nearly exclusively fish. May also eat rodents, snakes, and bullfrogs.

THREATS: Bald Eagles will steal fish from the Osprey.

“GEE WHIZ”: Hovers 30 to 100 over feet water looking for fish. Plunges feet first into the water to catch prey with its talons.



B22 GREEN HERON

Length 18"

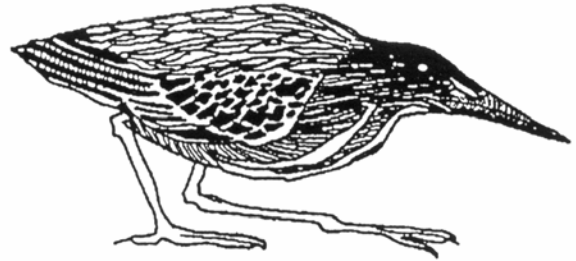
TRAITS: Small, chunky heron. Green on upper parts, white throat, and yellow legs.

HABITATS: Permanent resident. Aquatic beds in streams and ponds with woodland cover.

FOODS: Land and water insects. Frogs and fish in summer. The young of this species are fed on the regurgitated food of their parents.

THREATS: Unknown.

“GEE WHIZ”: When alarmed the Green Heron will raise its black crown feathers to form a shaggy crest. It will also flick its tail.



B23 ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD

Length 4"

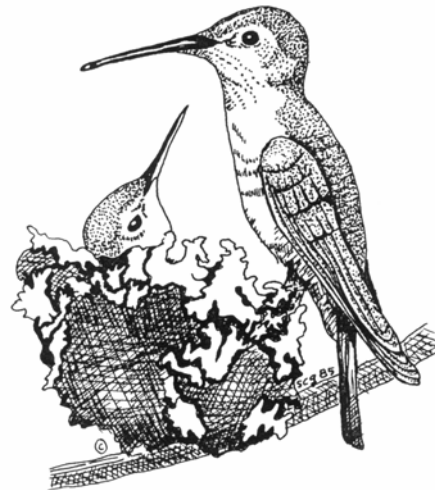
TRAITS: Male head, throat, and neck red. Female upper parts green, head speckled with red. Both have green upper wings and tail, underside gray and green.

HABITATS: Permanent resident. Shrubs, upland prairies and open woodlands.

FOODS: Flower nectar, tree sap, and occasional insects such as spiders.

THREATS: Western scrub-jays, American Kestrel

“GEE WHIZ”: Hovers while gathering food. They have to eat all day long to fuel their super-energized body.



B24 BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD

Length 8"

TRAITS: Males have iridescent greenish black with brown head. Females are gray-brown. Short black bill.

HABITATS: Present in the spring and summer. Wet prairies, upland prairies, and deciduous forest edges.

FOODS: Insects, spiders, grass, blackberries and seeds.

THREATS: Unknown.

“GEE WHIZ”: These birds are “brood parasites.” They lay their eggs in the nests of other species. The host birds incubate and raise the chicks. The other young may starve or be crowded out of the nest.

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