

IDENTIFYING CORKSCREW'S WADING BIRDS

I. ALL WHITE

- A. Extra Large size
 - 1. GREAT WHITE HERON (*uncommon*) -- thick pale yellow bill; light buff-gray legs
- B. Large size
 - 1. GREAT EGRET -- thin yellow bill; black legs
- C. Medium size
 - 1. SNOWY EGRET -- black bill; black legs with yellow feet (imm. -- green legs with some black on front)
 - 2. CATTLE EGRET (*uncommon from boardwalk*) -- yellow bill; a dry-land egret
 - 3. Imm. LITTLE BLUE HERON -- gray-blue bill with black tip

II. WHITE WITH BLACK ON WINGS

- A. Large size
 - 1. WOOD STORK -- featherless gray head; thick bill; in flight, black on bottom of wings from tips to body
- B. Medium size
 - 1. WHITE IBIS -- reddish-pink bill and legs; bill curves down; in flight, only tips of wings black

III. NON-WHITE, SLIM

- A. Extra large size
 - 1. GREAT BLUE HERON -- gray body
- B. Medium size
 - 1. ROSEATE SPOONBILL -- lots of pink on body (imm. less so); gray bill flattened at end
 - 2. TRI-COLORED HERON -- dark blue-gray colored; white "pants"; reddish/white on front of neck
 - 3. LITTLE BLUE HERON -- entire body dark blue-gray
 - 4. Imm. WHITE IBIS -- brown to pied brown body with white belly; reddish-pink bill
 - 5. LIMPkin -- all brown body with whitish triangles, especially on neck; dark yellow bill with dark tip
- C. Small size
 - 1. GREEN HERON -- small, dark heron with orange or yellow legs; gray-green back
 - 2. LEAST BITTERN (*uncommon*) -- very small; buffy neck, wing patch; secretive

IV. NON-WHITE, STOCKY (all about the same medium to large size)

- A. Gray body (adult Night Herons)
 - 1. BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- gray back; black head; white belly
 - 2. YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON -- gray body; black head with white cheek patch & cream crown.
- B. Light brown body with small dark streaks all over (imm. Night Herons)
 - 1. In flight
 - a. YELLOW-CROWNED -- feet and some ankle project beyond tail in flight
 - b. BLACK-CROWNED -- feet and NO ANKLE project beyond tail in flight
 - 2. Stationary
 - a. YELLOW-CROWNED -- bill all black
 - b. BLACK-CROWNED -- top of bill black, lower bill yellowish at base
- C. Tan to brown body, bold streaks on breast, dark line on neck, exquisite patterning on back
 - 1. AMERICAN BITTERN -- Similar in size and general color to imm. Night-herons
 - a. To distinguish from imm. Night-herons, look for bold brown stripes on breast and BLACK STRIPE on neck; in flight shows a DARK OUTER WING AREA

APPROXIMATE HEIGHTS

Great White Heron	48"	Great Blue Heron
Great Egret		Wood Stork
Roseate Spoonbill	36"	American Bittern
White Ibis, Limpkin, Tri-color Heron		Black-crowned Night Heron
Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret	24"	Yellow-crowned Night Heron
Cattle Egret		Green Heron
	12"	Least Bittern