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Animal Fact Sheet

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Black-crowned Night Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax

This heron went nocturnal, and everything about it follows from that. It is squat and short-necked where day herons are lanky, because it does not need to stalk at long range in bright light; it has …

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Ardeidae
Habitat: Wetlands and marshes
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 10-20 years
Weight: 727-1014 grams
Scientific name: Nycticorax nycticorax

Did you know?

- Young Black-crowned Night Herons look completely different from adults, with brown, streaky plumage that provides camouflage in their wetland habitat…
- Adults raise two or three long, narrow white plumes from the back of the head during display, holding them flat the rest of the time. Nestlings defen…

What I learned

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