

# Animal Fact Sheet

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## Green Heron

*Butorides virescens*

The Green Heron is a small, stocky wading bird known for its striking greenish-black cap, rich chestnut body, and greenish back and wings. Found across North and Central America, it frequents wetland...

### Quick facts

**Classification:** Bird

**Family:** Ardeidae

**Habitat:** Freshwater wetlands and forested ponds

**Diet:** Carnivore

**Conservation status:** Least Concern

**Lifespan:** 5-8 years

**Weight:** 210-250 grams

**Scientific name:** *Butorides virescens*

### Did you know?

- Green Herons have been observed using bread, insects, feathers, or other objects as bait to catch fish—a rare example of tool use in birds.
- Green Herons are one of the few bird species known to use tools, sometimes using bait to lure fish. They can extend their necks to surprising lengths...

### What I learned

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