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Animal Fact Sheet

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Snowy Egret

Egretta thula

The snowy egret (Egretta thula) is the white heron with black legs and startling yellow feet, and those feet are working tools rather than decoration. It is one of the most behaviourally inventive fo…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Ardeidae
Habitat: Wetlands
Diet: Carnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 5-15 years
Weight: 350-400 g
Scientific name: Egretta thula

Did you know?

- At the turn of the 20th century, Snowy Egrets were nearly hunted to extinction for their beautiful plumes, which were used to decorate ladies' hats.
- Snowy egrets vibrate their bright yellow feet in the mud to panic prey into moving, one of more than twenty documented foraging techniques. Their bre…

What I learned

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