

Little Blue Heron
31 Jul 1938
north of Lansing, Allamakee Co., IA
A. J. Palas
Palas 1938

Record Number: 81-LQ
Classification: NA

REFERENCE

Palas, A.J. 1938. Extreme northeastern Iowa for bird
observation. IBL 8:34-37.

VOTE (1981): 4-III, 3-IV

III, 'blue on wings' sounds convincing.

IV, description too sketchy to be reliable.

IV, 'Red on throat' cannot refer to Little Blue Heron. Same
with 'blue on wings' probably this species. Observer reputation?

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After the middle of July "large white birds" were reported from various points north of the dam. These were either American Egrets or Little Blue Herons as both were present. On July 31, 1938, from one mile to 2½ miles north of Lansing, I observed 16 Little Blue Herons. They ranged from some all-white individuals to others with considerable red on throat and with blue on wings. Little Blue Herons of fully adult color were not seen. Later I also saw American Egrets in the vicinity. As the water gets lower, fishing is better for herons and egrets. Great Blue, Green and Black-crowned Night Herons were also present. Snowy Egrets and Yellow-crowned Night Herons may be expected.