

Little Blue Heron  
E Sep 1934  
Green Bay, Lee Co., IA  
W. Youngworth  
DuMont 1935

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REFERENCE

DuMont, P.A. 1935. The American Egret and Little Blue Heron in Iowa. IBL 5:43.

VOTE (1981): 1-II, 1-III, 4-IV, 1-VI

IV, no description.

VI, 100 seems a staggering number.

II, also seen by DuMont and Harvey.

IV, no description.

IV/III, A rather amazing number -- III based on Youngworth's reputation could be correct. No description, however.

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**The American Egret and the Little Blue Heron in Iowa.**—During the interval from 1900 to 1932 the American Egret and the Little Blue Heron were of rare occurrence in Iowa. The Egret probably reached its lowest ebb about 1907, the date when plume hunting was finally declared illegal. These birds have since increased on their southern breeding grounds until finally, in 1932, the effect of this increase was noted locally and was exemplified in a post-breeding influx of these birds into Iowa. In the late summer of 1933 this flight was again apparent, but in somewhat reduced numbers. However, there were several reliable reports of the Little Blue Heron during this summer.

In 1934 a number of American Egrets were seen by Deputy Warden W. L. Harvey on the Green Bay Bottoms, in Lee County, during early May. On June 24, 36 of these birds were seen by Harvey and the writer, and 35 were seen on July 29 in the same locality. No evidence of breeding was discovered. By early September the maximum number of Egrets on Green Bay had increased to approximately 300, as reported by Wm. Youngworth, and the Little Blue Herons, all in the white phase, numbered about 100. On October 7, the writer noted five Egrets on Green Bay. A single crippled individual was noted by Lloyd Smith on October 30, and undoubtedly the same bird was seen during November by Youngworth. Unquestionably, the most interesting phase of the 1934 visitation of "white herons" was the late spring appearance of the American Egret and the marked increase in the numbers of the Little Blue Heron.

At the present time, the American Egret is an occasional summer resident and a fairly common late summer visitor in southeastern Iowa, and an uncommon, late summer visitor throughout the rest of the state, principally about the larger waterways or lakes. The Little Blue Heron is an uncommon, late summer visitor in extreme southeastern Iowa, and is somewhat rare throughout the rest of the state.—PHILIP A. DU MONT, Des Moines, Iowa.