



An adult Green Heron stalks along the bank of the Monongahela River looking for prey in the shallow water.

Southside Riverfront Park
May 2026

At rest on a tree, the heron’s neck is pulled in, showing its “football” shape.

Duck Hollow
April 2011



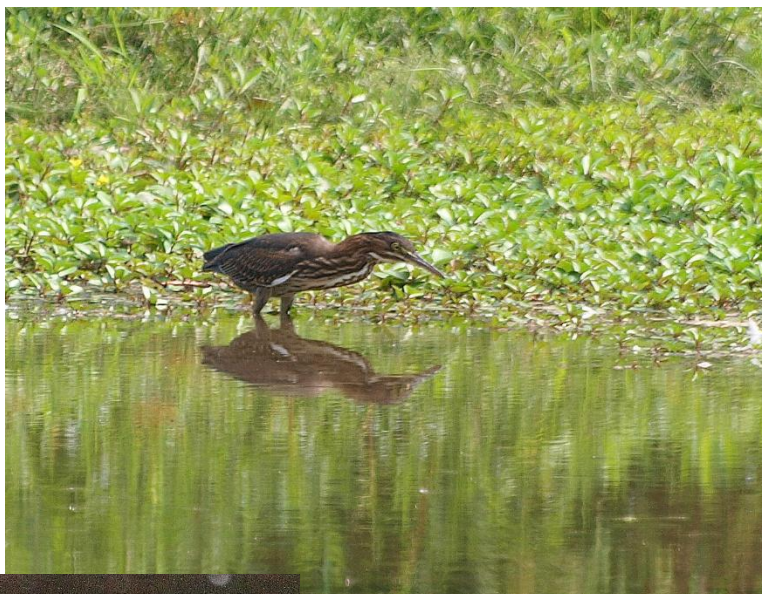
The Green Heron can stretch its neck out 18 inches. With flared feathers it can seem bigger and more formidable when threatened.

Cape May, New Jersey
April 2009



Here a young heron patiently waits and watches the water for something to catch.

North Park
August 2009



This adult caught a fish and a little more than it bargained for – some algae and a stick. How will it keep its fish?

North Park
August 2016

An overeager Green Heron dove for a fish with its entire being – neck extended diving into the water with both feet off the bottom!

Southside Riverfront Park
May 2026





This juvenile Green Heron shows the white tips of its feathers, the extra stripes along its neck, its paler green head, back, and wings, and the brownish coloring of its neck.

Shenango Lake
September 1, 2009

Another juvenile shows better the extra stripes along its neck with brown instead of chestnut as it moves to another shoreline in Independence Marsh.

Independence Marsh
July 2012



The beady eyes of this juvenile show the intent of the bird as it searches for prey.

Duck Hollow
July 2017

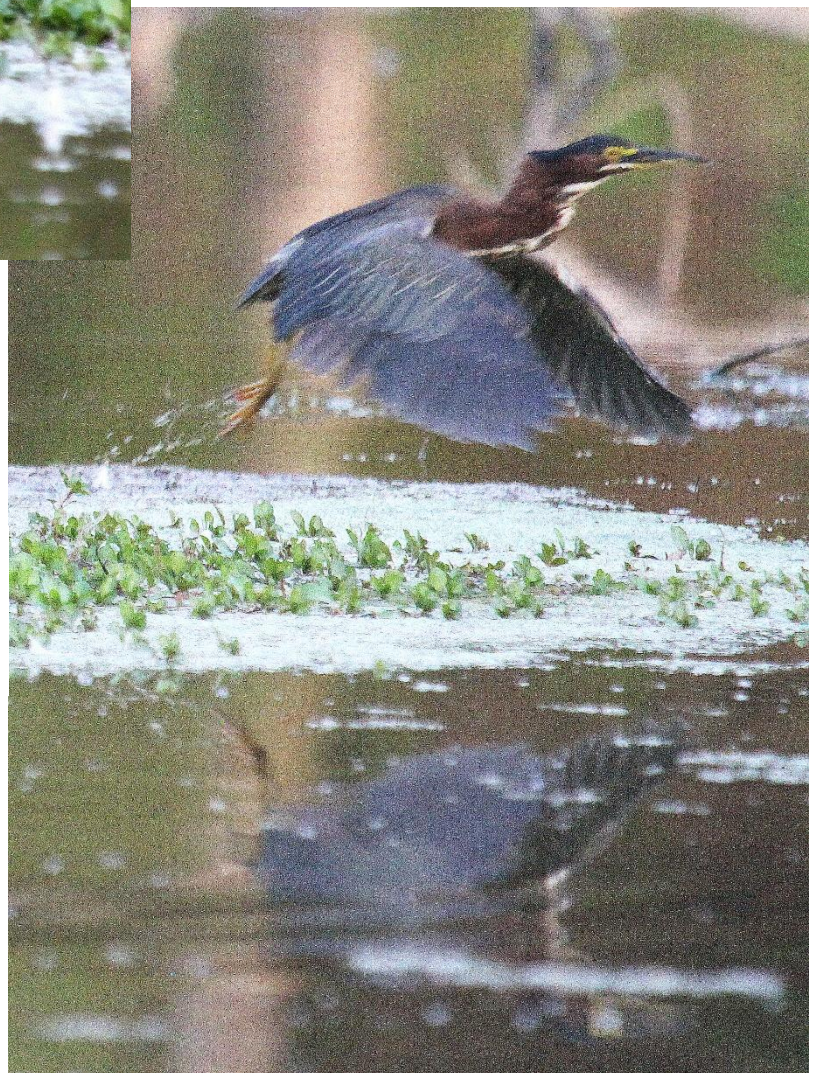


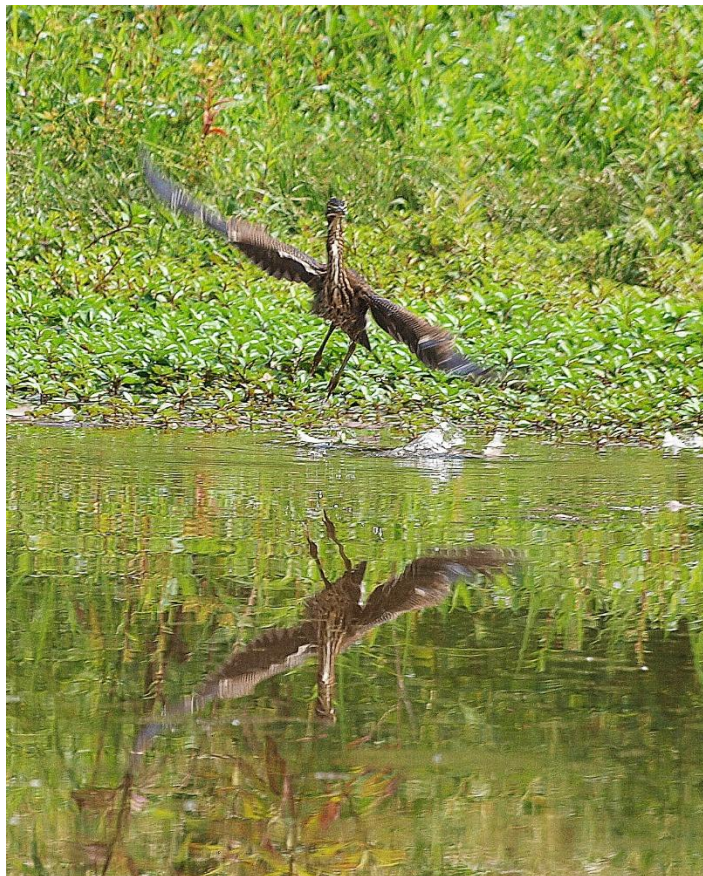
Two adult herons fish near each other on North Park Lake. Actually, the closer one is just passing by....

North Park Lake
August 2016

...to fly off to its own hunting grounds.

North Park Lake
August 2016



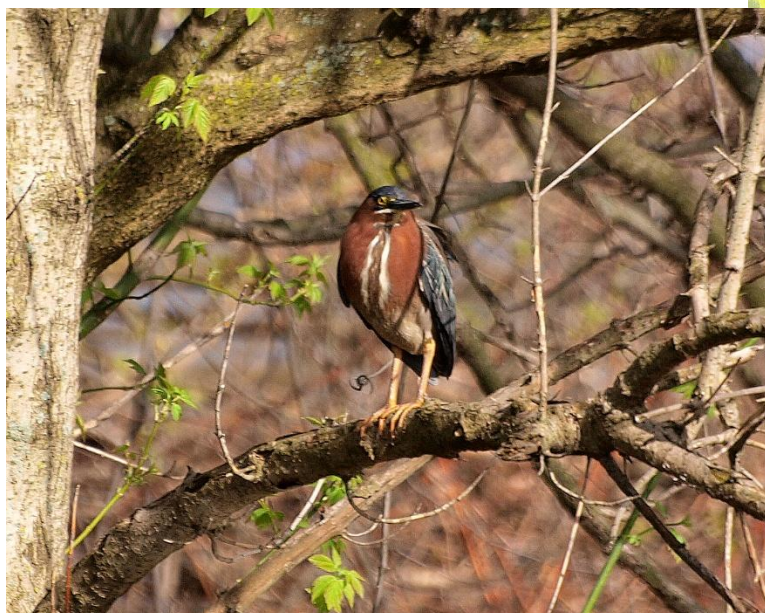


Juvenile Green Herons can fly too.
Note extra stripes long neck.

North Park
August 2009

This juvenile flew up to this tree branch.
Grasping tree limbs began for it a week
or so after its hatching.

Independence Marsh
August 2012

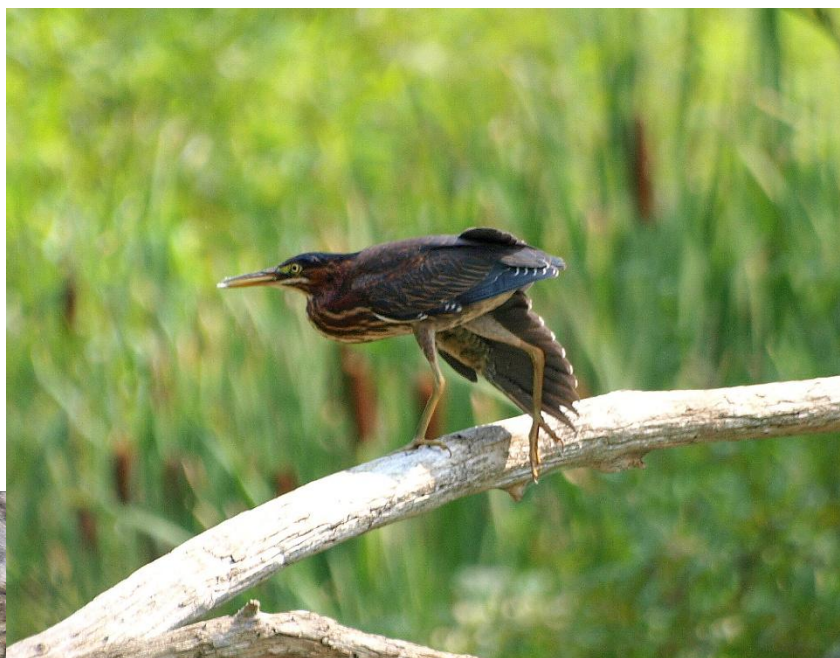


Adults can land in trees too.
Note difference in neck striping with
the juvenile above.

Duck Hollow
April 2011

A juvenile heron stretches its wing and leg on a branch over the water in North Park.

North Park
August 2009

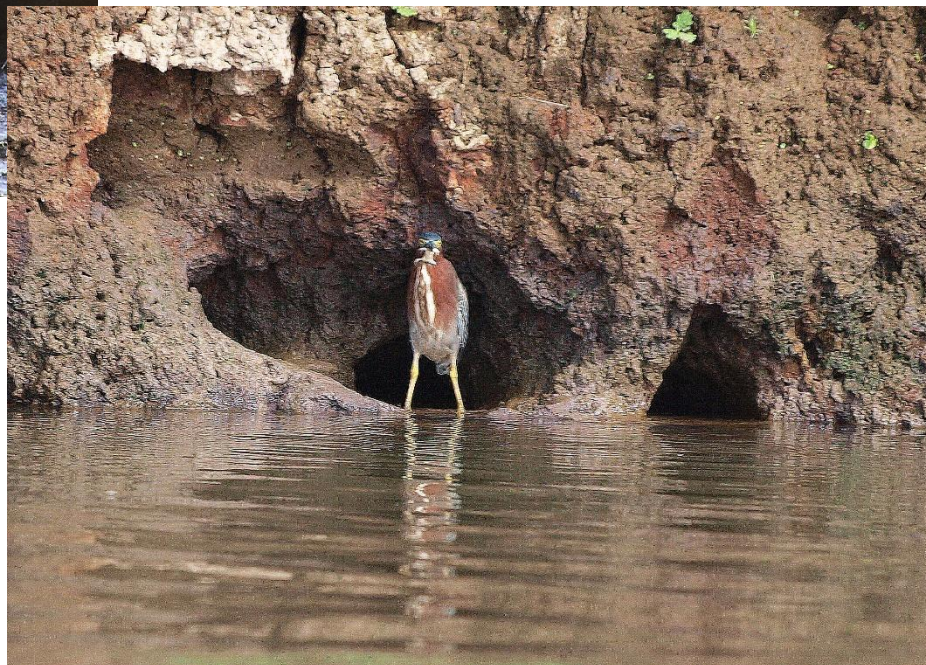


On a trip to see a juvenile Little Blue Heron, we ran into this juvenile Green Heron ruffling its feathers on a stump.

Wampum-New Galilee Marsh
August 2012

Green Herons migrate into Central America in the winter. Here an adult fishes from a mud hole, probably dug by a caiman, on the Rio Frio in Costa Rica.

Rio Frio, Costa Rica
March 2012





On a trip up to Michigan to see my son's family, we made a quick stop at Magee Marsh. All the rage on that day was a very visible Green Heron nest between point 22B and 23B near the East Entrance to the Marsh.

Magee Marsh
May 30, 2026

One can note the flimsy nature of the heron's nest – a pile of sticks barely held together above the water.

Magee Marsh
May 30, 2026

The parent finally stirred to do a little grooming in the late afternoon sun.

Magee Marsh
May 30, 2026





She then turned her attention to turning the eggs to be sure they got the proper warmth to hatch.

Magee Marsh
May 30, 2026

This close-up shows the pale bluish eggs as she turns them. Can you count how many she has laid?

Magee Marsh
May 30, 2026





There were five eggs!
Here is the mother Green Heron and her four-days-old clutch of hatchlings.
Note their gray down and black-tipped beaks.

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Taken at Magee Marsh on June 13, 2026
Found on the Facebook page:
Magee Marsh Bird Sightings
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1675947669682675/>
See more of Diana’s photos on her Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1675947669682675/user/1149071528>

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