

# THE WCR LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Hérons in a tree  
Photo by Ward Perrin, *The Vancouver Sun*



A young heron looks for food.  
Photo by Lez Bazso, *The Province*

## The Great Blue Heron

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Level 2

In BC, people can see  
Great Blue Herons all year.

Hérons live on the coast.

They also live in the southern part of B.C.

The heron is a large bird:

- It is taller than many 8-year-old children.
- It weighs about the same as a small newborn baby.

Over 5,000 herons live in B.C.

The B.C. government protects these birds.

It also protects their nests and their eggs.

More than 100 heron nests

are in Stanley Park in Vancouver.

There is also a heron park in Chilliwack.

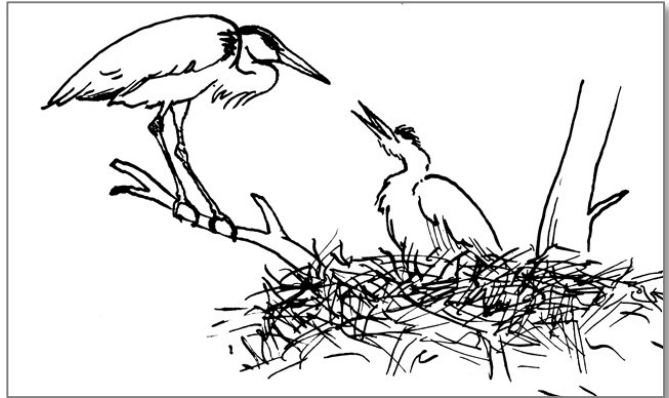
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## Heron calendar

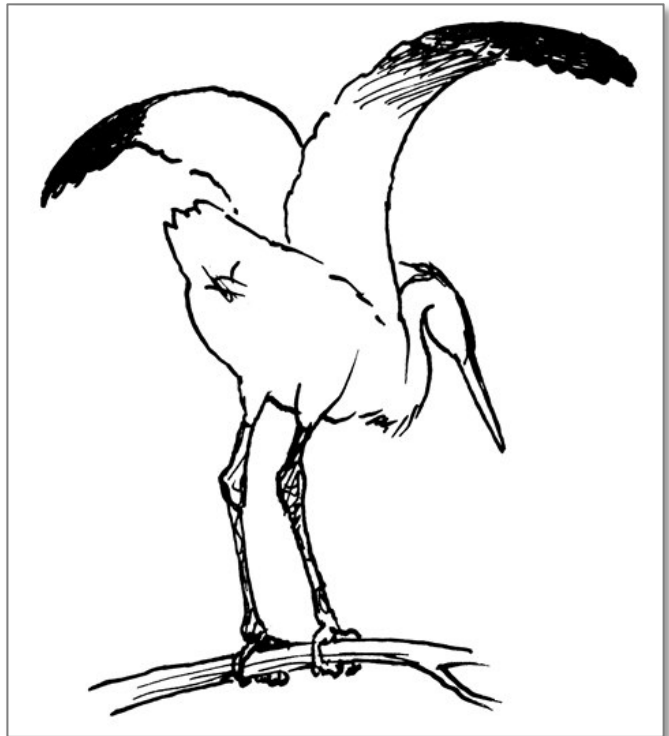
1. In April and May, herons lay eggs.



2. In June, parents take care of the chicks.



3. In July, young herons practice flying.



("Exercise" is on the next page)

### Exercise – Join the group

Find a word which can join the group. Take your answer from the word bank.  
Then write it on the line beside its group.

dog	sea	roof	students
year	heron	mother	rule

1. window, door, floor, roof
2. lake, river, ocean, \_\_\_\_\_
3. teachers, professors, learners \_\_\_\_\_
4. day, week, month, \_\_\_\_\_
5. law, tradition, custom, \_\_\_\_\_
6. father, sister, brother, \_\_\_\_\_
7. cat, horse, deer, \_\_\_\_\_
8. robin, seagull, eagle, \_\_\_\_\_

(“Answers” and “Links” are on the next page)

**Answers:**

2. sea      3. students      4. year      5. rule      6. mother      7. dog      8. heron

**Links:**

[Click here to read more about Vancouver's Great Blue Herons.](#)