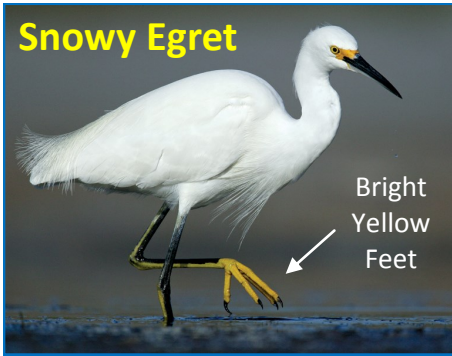
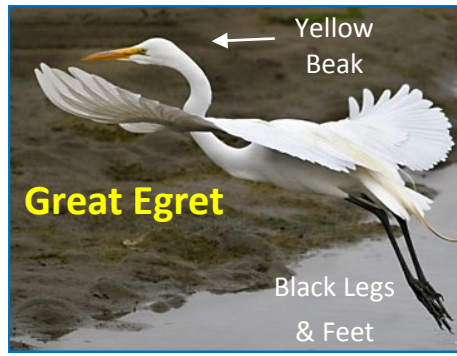




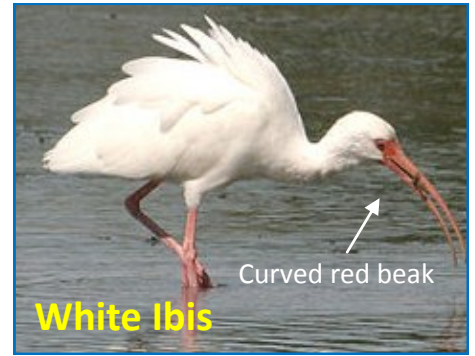
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Grows long wispy mating plumes that were once prized for ladies hats. Banning plume hunting began bird conservation.



With a wingspan of up to 5.5 ft, this egret uses only 2 wing beats per min to cruise up to 25mph.



The white ibis uses its specialized beak like a straw to suck up insects hidden in the mud.



This small, slate gray bird is commonly overlooked because of its stand-and-wait approach to foraging for food.



The largest of the herons, the great blue grows up to 4.5 feet tall, with a wingspan of up to 6.5ft.



This smaller, more solitary heron will sometimes “bait” fish by dropping a small stick or insect on the water.



Limpkin’s tweezer-like bill allows it to pry open apple snail shells to eat the meat inside.



Anhingas are often seen in the pose above to dry their wings after they dive underwater for fish.



This noisy bird regurgitates pellets of bones, scales, and other indigestible material, just like owls.



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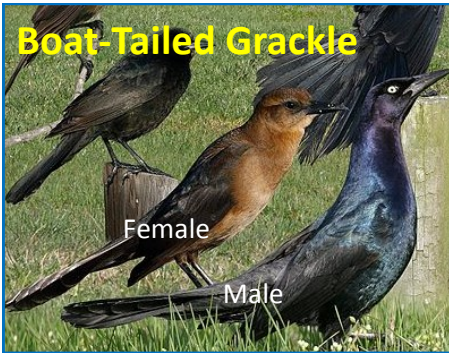
This endangered bird has red eyes that act like polarized sunglasses to spot its main food source, the apple snail.



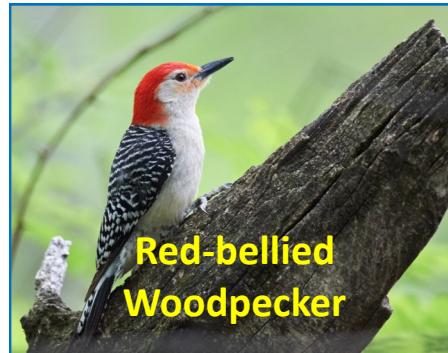
Also known as the Common Moorhen, its long toes help it walk on mud and floating vegetation.



Widespread through U.S., coots build floating nests anchored to standing vegetation.



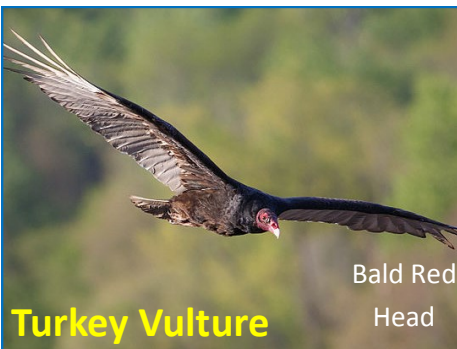
More aquatic than other blackbirds, females nest in freshwater grasses out of reach from potential predators.



This woodpecker can stick its barbed tongue two inches past its beak to reach insects in logs.



Pairs often return to the same nesting location for years. We have a nesting pair near the parking lot.



Recognized by its teetering flight path and red bald head, which is an adaptation to avoid getting messy while eating dead animals.



Bald Eagles are scavengers, stealing prey from smaller raptors. Ask staff about our nesting pairs.

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