

HERON HAPPENINGS IN JUNE

June at the Heronry: First Flights and Farewells

What's Happening in the Heronry?

June is an exciting time in the heronry. As the nesting season reaches its peak, young Great Blue Herons are growing more active, curious, and confident. You'll often see them standing at the edge of the nest, taking in the busy world around them.

Preparing for First Flight

Before they're ready to leave the nest, the juveniles spend time climbing onto nearby branches, stretching and flapping their wings, and practicing their balance. All of this helps them build the strength and confidence they'll need for that very first flight.

Sibling Dynamics

Life in the nest can be lively. Young herons often jostle, spar, and interact with one another as they grow. These sibling moments may look playful at times, but they also help the birds develop coordination and important survival skills.

Family Support Continues

Even after the young herons take flight, their parents are still close by. They continue to offer food and support while the juveniles strengthen their flying skills and begin exploring more of the world around them.

Leaving the Nest for Good

As the juveniles grow stronger and more independent, families slowly begin to leave the nesting site. It's a natural and meaningful transition—one that marks the end of this chapter and the beginning of a new one.