

ADULT GREAT BLUE HERON MEASUREMENTS



Coloring: Shades of blue and gray

Height: 3 ½' – 4 ½' (45"– 54")

Length (head to tail): 3' – 4 ½' (36" – 54")

Wingspan (from wing tip to wing tip): 5 ½' – 6 ½' (66"-79")

Length of leg (Tarsus to shank): 6 ¼" – 8 ¼"

Stride (length of a step – in a straight line): 9"

Length of beak: 4 ¾" – 6"

Weight: 4 ½ - 8 pounds

Speed of Flight: 20-30 miles per hour

GREAT BLUE HERON NESTS





Grouping: Herons nest in colonies, though occasionally will nest as lone pairs.

Size: The nest is a large platform, up to four feet in diameter

Materials: Twigs and branches and lined with pine needles, moss, reeds or dry grass.

Location: Usually built high in trees

GREAT BLUE HERON EGGS



Color: Pale blue

Weight of average egg: 2.2 – 2.8 ounces

Size of average egg: 2 ½" – 3"

Number of Eggs: 2 to 6

Hatching: Eggs hatch in about 27 days.

Fledging (leave the nest): Chicks will fledge between 52 to 80 days after hatching.