



# 2012 Student Art Contest

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## **Featured Festival Bird: Black-Crowned Night Heron**

**Who:** All Utah students in grades K-12 are invited to participate

**What:** An original drawing in color of an adult **black-crowned night heron** on 8½X11 white paper or artboard

**When:** May 4, 2012 (submissions must be postmarked by this date)

**Where:** Please mail or deliver entries to the address listed below:

Great Salt Lake Bird Festival  
Attn: Student Art Contest  
P.O. Box 618  
28 East State Street  
Farmington, UT 84025

**Why:** To get students and their families excited about Utah's incredible bird life and to recognize the talents of young, local artists

## **Rules and Guidelines**

Utah students in grades K-12 are invited to draw a picture in color of an adult black-crowned night heron. Make it **LARGE** and **COLORFUL**! Some element of the bird's natural habitat should be included as well. The drawing should be submitted on a **flat piece of 8½X11 white paper or art board** and should fill up as much of the paper as possible. **Important:** In order to properly hang submissions for viewing at the festival, we need all artwork to meet these sizing requirements. Artwork on paper larger than 8½X11 should be trimmed by the student or teacher before submission to the contest.

Students may use bird field guides, the Internet, or the provided teaching guide (page 3) to learn about the bird's unique characteristics. The drawing must be the student's original creation and should not be copied or traced from any published source. Only one entry per student is allowed.

Artwork will be judged in four grade categories: K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each grade category. The prize for first place entries is \$50.00; second place is \$25.00; and third place is \$15.00.

An overall "Best of Show" image will be chosen by a panel of judges, and that artwork will be featured on the **2013 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival's** promotional documents, news releases, and clothing. The student's name and city of residence will be included with the art. The student(s) will retain all rights to the artwork, but gives permission to the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival for use of the image for promotional and contest purposes.

Selections and decisions by the judges are final. Any entries with unsuitable content will not be considered.

**All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form (see page 2).** All submissions must be received or postmarked by May 4, 2012. Submissions will be returned if a return address is provided on the entry form.

**Questions?** Contact Amy Haran at (801) 664-5555 or [gslbirdart@gmail.com](mailto:gslbirdart@gmail.com)

**2012 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival  
Art Contest Entry Form**

**Completed form must be submitted with each entry! Artwork will not be returned without a completed, legible form.**

Name of artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Utah ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade category (circle one):      K-3    4-6    7-9    10-12

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## Teaching Guide: Black-Crowned Night-Heron

### Identification

Black-crowned night-herons have a stocky body and a short neck and legs. Both male and female adults have a black crown (top of the head) and back, gray wings, and white belly. In the summer breeding season, adult night-herons have two long white feathers that extend from their head down their back. Adults have red eyes and yellow legs.

### Habitat

Black-crowned night-herons are common summer residents in Utah, where they nest in colonies in marshes along lakes in the northern part of the state. They nest in trees or reeds, and both parents help incubate their eggs and raise the hatchlings.

### Food

As their name suggests, night-herons begin to look for food at dusk and continue to eat during the night until dawn. Their diet consists primarily of fish, but they also eat insects, eggs,



lizards, frogs, snakes, rodents, and young birds. Black-crowned night-herons will stand and wait for prey to pass by and then quickly snatch it up in their big, dark bill.

### Weird Fact

When disturbed or scared by people or predators, young black-crowned night-herons will often throw up. This habit actually helps biologists study the birds' diet.

### Sources/Further Resources

AllAboutBirds.org

Utah Division of Wildlife, Conservation Data Center Site

National Zoo Black-Crowned Night-Heron Fact Sheet



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