

# WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR?

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## GREAT BLUE HERON

Scientific name: *Ardea herodias*



Voice A harsh squawk.

These grand birds are 54" long, with a 6-foot wingspan and long yellow beak, feathers sticking straight out the back of its head. Graceful flyers, they tuck their necks into their bodies when in flight. Herons nest in colonies, mainly in dead trees standing in the water.

The Great Blue Heron forages in open grassy or shallow water areas, eating primarily fish, but also frogs and rodents. Seeing it grab and eat a gopher is quite a site! It's usually by itself but roosts in groups.

Roosting areas are called "rookeries." Look for these birds in the Skokie Lagoons, on the south side of Tower Road in the dead trees just west of Forestway Drive, and in the stream that runs through the Lagoons on the west side near Edens Expressway. They can also be found in ponds on Glencoe's golf courses or seen standing silently along rivers.

They can stand so quietly without moving for long periods of time that they can almost seem like cardboard cutouts. It is a very adaptable bird.

How climate change will reshape the range: The range is expected to remain stable with climate change.

Overall species vulnerability status: Stable

+35.6° Fahrenheit warming species vulnerability: It's range would be extended into northern Canada.

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