

Great Blue Heron - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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The great blue heron is Canada's largest and most abundant heron.

[A heron walking in the water]

With its long stilt-like legs, long neck, and spear-shaped bill, it is well equipped for wading into the water and catching the small fish that make up most of its diet.

[A group of great blue heron in the water catching fishes]

Great blue herons usually nest in colonies. Male and female both help build the nest. When the eggs hatch, the parents take turns feeding the young.

[A great blue heron feeding its younglings]

The young develop quickly, and after about eight weeks are ready to test their wings.

[A great blue heron flying off]

The slow, graceful flight of the great blue heron makes it one of our most spectacular birds.

For more information on the great blue heron, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa, K1A 0H3.