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Black-crowned Night Heron



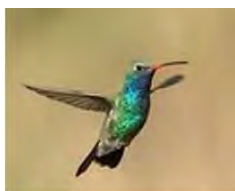
Edgemont Park in Montclair, NJ, frequently has black-crowned night herons fishing in the shallow waters in the evening and residing in the lakeside trees during the day. However, occasionally they wander the grounds during the day. On one occasion, I walked into the park and met a very excited man telling me that there was a penguin on the loose in the park and that he was trying to catch it for no specified reason.

I didn't try to help him in his penguin quest, and even considered letting him leave the park confident that he had a New Jersey life bird. But the story doesn't end here. I took a picture of the bird with its neck extended and sent it to the local newspaper. They gave the bird half a page in the next edition.



Shortly after the paper was distributed, the editor received a few letters professing that black-crowned night herons don't have long necks and the bird had to be something else. (Though none of the letters suggested it was a penguin.) This necessitated a letter from me to the paper and a picture of the bird as some of the readers expected it.

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