

# Reporting Herons and Egrets: Rookeries in Iowa

## CWB Rookery Reporting Form

🦅 Please fill out all the information as accurately as possible.

### Reporting Instructions

#### *Observer Information:*

🦅 Please fill out your name, address, and contact information

#### *Rookery Location Information:*

- 🦅 A precise rookery location is required
- 🦅 County is required along with a more specific description such as those based off the Public Land Survey System (or PLSS) or GPS coordinates/UTMs or a marked map/aerial photograph.
- 🦅 Township or Tier and Range and Section and quarter section based off the Public Land Survey System (or PLSS) will fill the location requirement; however, try to get section of sections (i.e. the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of SW ¼...)

 County

 Township or Tier and Range

 Section

 Quarter Section

- 🦅 UTM's are the preferred method, UTM's can be found online at <http://cairo.gis.iastate.edu> instructions are available at the website
- 🦅 A map or aerial photograph marked with landmarks and nest location will also fill the location requirement, please e-mail as an attachment
- 🦅 Physical descriptions (roads, mile marker, river mile, bridges, islands, landmarks, etc.) can be useful in helping locate the nest by monitoring volunteers in the area

#### *Nest Site Landowner Information:*

🦅 If you know the landowner where the rookery is located, please provide their contact information. At least specify whether it is public or private land.

#### *Nest Information:*

- 🦅 History of the rookery, if known, can be useful in identifying the nest, such as year established or previous years' observations
- 🦅 Tree species if known, there may be more than 1 species

- 🦅 Is the tree living or dead (check one)
- 🦅 Estimate the nest's height from the ground in feet
- 🦅 Water body utilized is the body of water that the rookery lies on, or which the cwbs most likely utilize for fishing

#### *Observation:*

- 🦅 Please give the date of the observations
- 🦅 In the table, please report the TOTAL number of nests in the colony as well as the number of nests that are actively being used. If known, also record the number of fledglings in the colony. If it is a colony being used by

- more than 1 species please specify number of active nests and fledglings for each.
- 🦅 Please estimate the amount of human activity within a quarter mile of the rookery site. Explain more specifically what the human activity is.

#### *Comments:*

- 🦅 Please list any addition comments you would like to share
- 🦅 Please let us know if you would be interested in voluntarily monitoring this or any other rookery in Iowa.

#### *Thank You:*

- 🦅 Please double check that everything is filled out as accurately as possible
- 🦅 Please make sure you have included a specific location and/or attached a marked map/aerial photograph

- 🦅 Please mail the completed form to the provided Wildlife Diversity Program address, or please e-mail the information to [Stephanie.Shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Shepherd@dnr.iowa.gov)
- 🦅 Thank you for aiding wildlife conservation efforts!

**Observer Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nest Location Information**

County: \_\_\_\_\_ UTM: X: \_\_\_\_\_ Y: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tier/Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone: \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physical Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nest Site Landowner Information**

Name or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nest Information**

History: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_  Alive  Dead  
Estimated Nest Height in Feet: \_\_\_\_\_ Water Body Utilized: \_\_\_\_\_

**Observation**

Species	Total Nests	Active Nests	Total Young
Black-crowned night heron			
Cattle egret			
Double-crested cormorant			
Great blue heron			
Great egret			
Green heron			
Little blue heron			
Yellow-crowned night heron			

Activity	None	Light	Moderate	Heavy
Human habitation				
Human recreation				
Agriculture				
Timber stand improvement or logging				

**Explanation:**

**Comments or Other Notes:**