

At a Glance . . .



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Can you identify this bird?

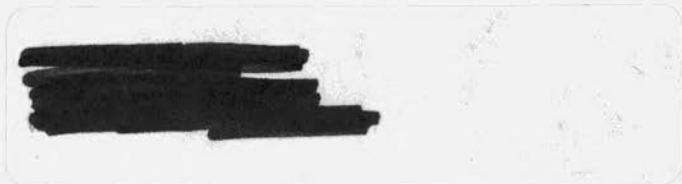
Identification will be discussed in next issue's *At a Glance*.

The bird in June's AT-A-GLANCE photo was an eight-week-old Black-crowned Night Heron, ready to fly. You probably knew it was a night heron, but which one? (Bittern? Unusual for that secretive, cautious, ground-nester to rest openly atop a tree!) The photo misled because the bird resembles a field guide representation of a Yellow-crowned Night Heron. Though the more expert among us might find the bill distinctive, for the general birder, the identifying feature is the large size of the spots - not speckles - spots!

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