

ports for years, which implied to me that the country probably lacked the infrastructure necessary to capture, transport, care for and export herons by the hundreds. India, which exported about 14.8 million birds between 1970 and 1980, before its traffic was largely halted, exported few herons and no reef-herons during that period (Inskipp, T. 1983. The Indian Bird Trade. *WTMU Traffic Bull.* 5:26-46).

In short, while reef-herons may have been imported into Central Europe, the account published in *American Birds* 37:1032 and cited by Roberson appears to fall within the class of unverified reports, not authenticated records.

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