



**EGRET ROOKERY
PREVENTION &
MIGRATORY BIRD
INFORMATION**



WHY IS ROOKERY PREVENTION IMPORTANT?



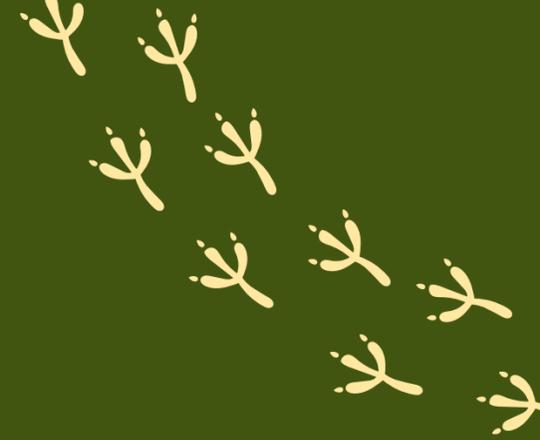
Nuisance Concerns:

- Noise
- Odor
- Potential health hazards
- Property damage
- Destruction of vegetation
- Ground covered in droppings
- Live birds, dead birds and prey on ground





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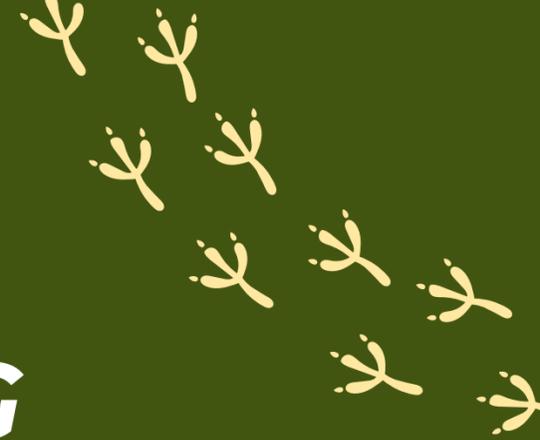


***STEPS YOU CAN
TAKE TO PREVENT A
ROOKERY FROM
BEING ESTABLISHED
IN YOUR
NEIGHBORHOOD***





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BEFORE NESTING SEASON BEGINS

- Familiarize yourself with sentry birds. They are the first to arrive looking for good nesting places. Report sightings to your neighbors and to Burleson Animal Services, 817-426-9283
- Learn about the breeding seasons for different migratory birds. Watch for these sentry birds beginning at the times listed below and report sightings to your neighbors:
 - **February:** Yellow-Crowned Night Heron
 - **March:** Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egret
- Nesting season is typically March - October. Pre and post nesting season is typically November - February.



FEBRUARY



YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON

MARCH



GREAT EGRET



SNOWY EGRET



LITTLE BLUE HERON



GREAT BLUE HERON



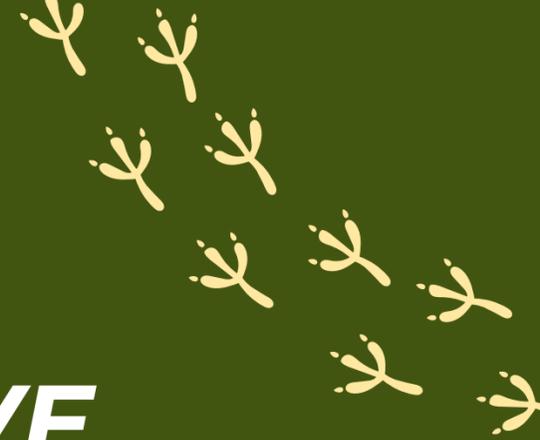
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ONCE BIRDS HAVE ARRIVED

- Check daily for birds and nesting material in your trees.
- Scare away birds as soon as you see them on or near your property. Use a combination of scare tactics before migratory birds lay eggs.
 - Use noisemakers, spray water or shine lights at night
 - Use long poles, tennis balls or water hoses to disturb early nesting material
 - Scary "eye" balloons work, if hung above trees
- Once birds begin sitting on nests, eggs are probably present. **You cannot kill, harass, move or disturb the birds during nesting season.**





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WHAT CAN YOU DO IF A ROOKERY IS ESTABLISHED?

- **DO NOT** harm birds or eggs. These birds are protected by international treaty.
- Contact Burleson Animal Services at (817) 426-9283 or Burleson PD non-emergency at (817) 426-9903 (24 hours a day) to report fallen eggs, injured, or dead birds. Animal Services will pick them up.
- **DO NOT** attempt to handle birds, and **DO NOT** do anything to intentionally disturb the birds or their nests!

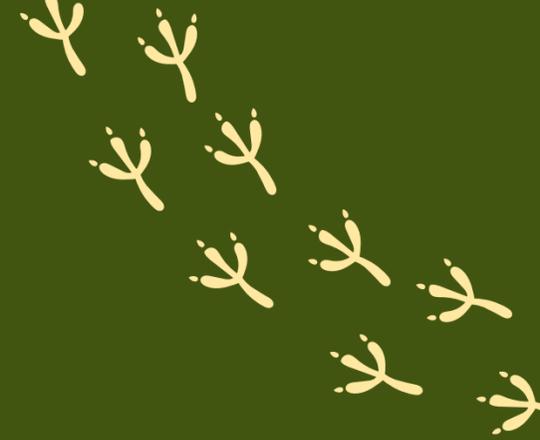




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AFTER NESTING SEASON

- Remove any old, abandoned nests.
- Trim your trees. Remove deadwood, and thin tree canopy to allow sunlight between limbs and other trees.
- Be watchful and report these bird arrivals anywhere in your neighborhood in late winter/early spring to the City. They may not be your problem at the time, but that can change quickly!





SUMMARY

- Early detection is imperative
- Everything hinges on first egg laid
- Not a one-time fix
- Hard work now may result in years of reduced conflict



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