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around all kinds of waters from subtropical

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long legged wading birds classified in the family ardeidae order
ciconiiformes and generally including several species usually called egret
the ardeidae also include the bitterns subfamily botaurinae herons are
widely distributed over the world but are most common in the tropics
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which type of bird you ve seen

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web the heron belongs to a group of aquatic birds in the ardeidae fam
most herons have long legs long necks and long pointed beaks there a
several different types including egrets bitterns and night herons ther
are over 60 different species in the heron family and at least 18 differ
taxonomic genuses read on to learn about the heron

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