

**You've spotted a
white egret or
heron!**

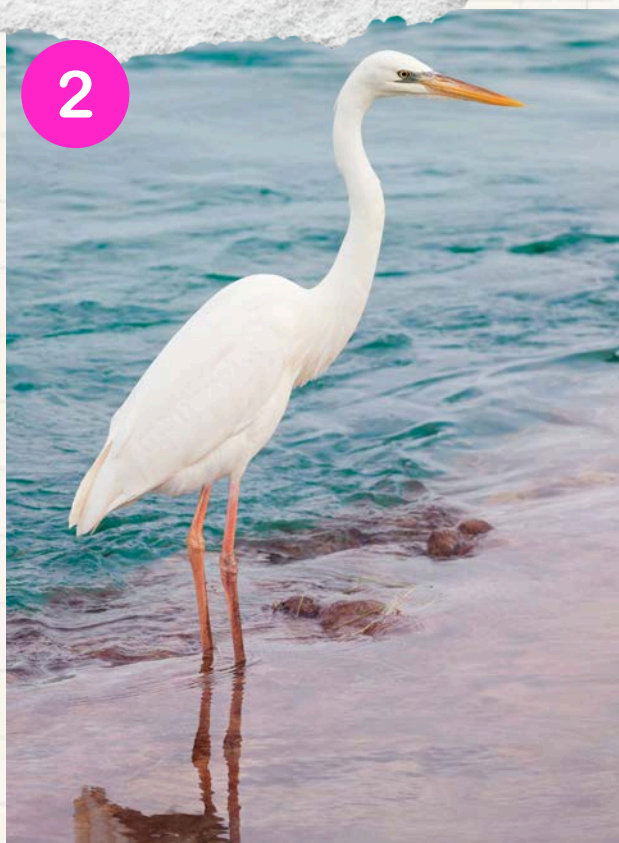
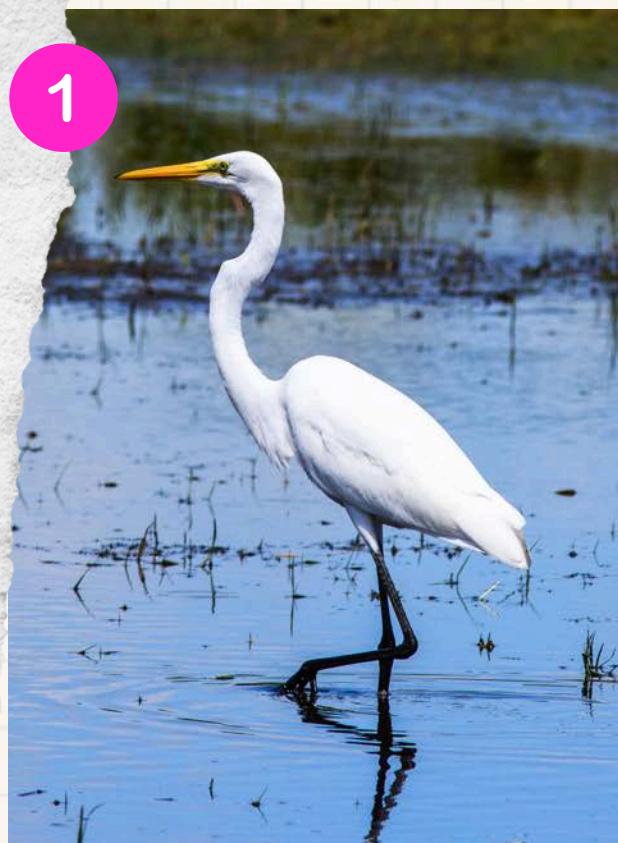
But which of the 7 is it?



You can see
7 all-white egrets & herons
in the Caribbean!

Can you to ID them all?

**Remember some birds are only white in juvenile plumage & some have more than one color morph!*



Great Egret

(Ardea alba)

Large

80–104 cm

Yellow

Long S-
curved neck

Dark legs
& feet



Great Blue Heron, white morph

(Ardea herodias)

Yellow,
heavy



Very Large

97–137 cm



Yellowish



swipe >>

Western Cattle-Egret

(*Ardea ibis*)

Compact,
stocky

46–56 cm

Short, thick,
yellow

Breeding: tan wash on the crown, breast and upper back. Reddish legs and eyes, reddish tinted bill.

Dark
legs



Snowy Egret

(*Egretta thula*)

**Yellow
lores**

Medium

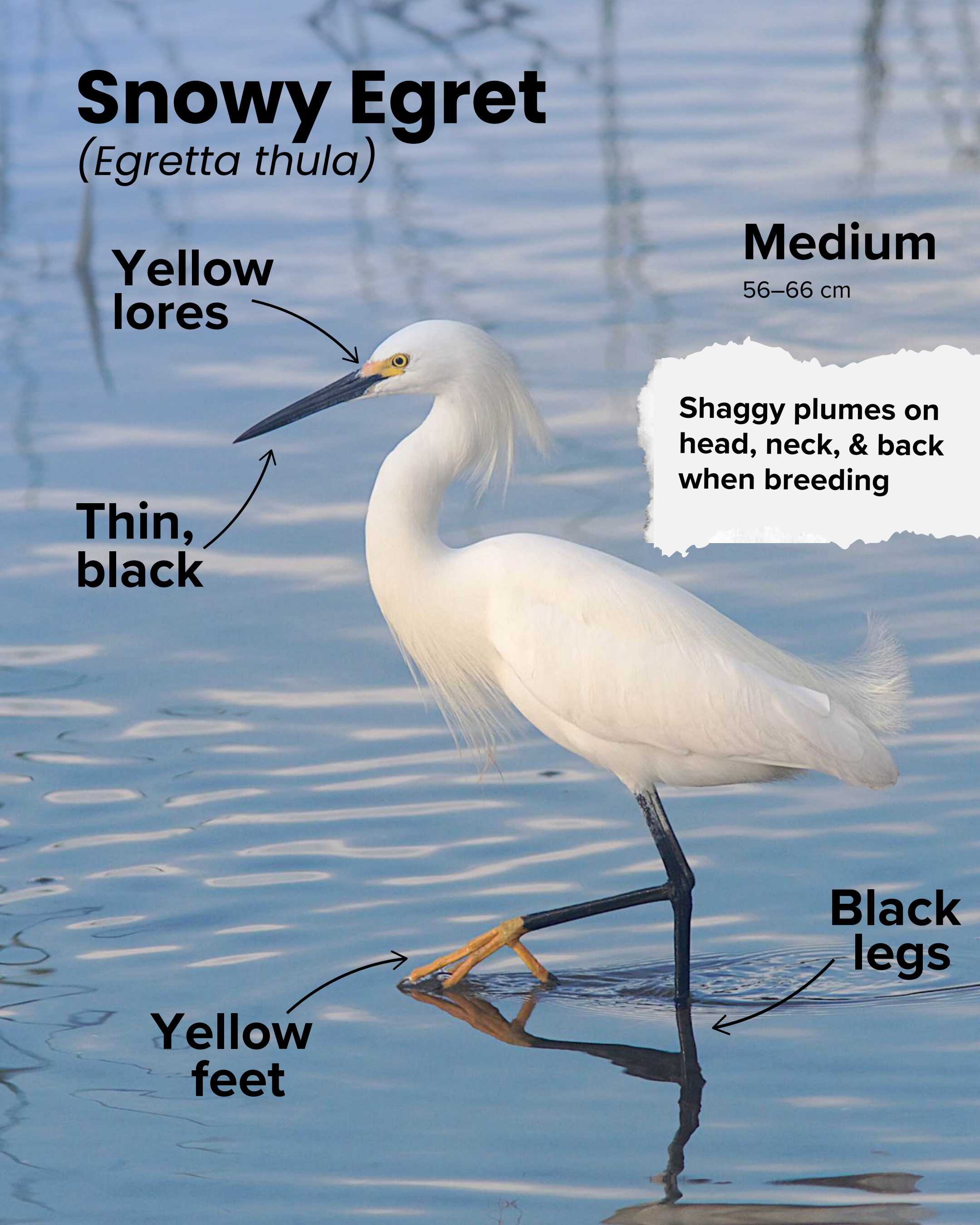
56–66 cm

**Shaggy plumes on
head, neck, & back
when breeding**

**Thin,
black**

**Black
legs**

**Yellow
feet**



Little Egret

(*Egretta garzetta*)



Reddish Egret: white morph

(*Egretta rufescens*)

**Medium
to large**

70–80 cm

**Shaggy
plumage on
the neck**

**Pink base,
black tip**

Dark grey



Little Blue Heron: Juvenile

(*Egretta caerulea*)

Medium

56–74 cm

Blue-gray base,
black tip

Immature is initially all white, then molts into blue-gray

Greenish,
pale

