

**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



**Large**

97–137 cm



Yellow



# 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*)

**Medium**

56–66 cm

**Yellow  
lores**



**Thin,  
black**

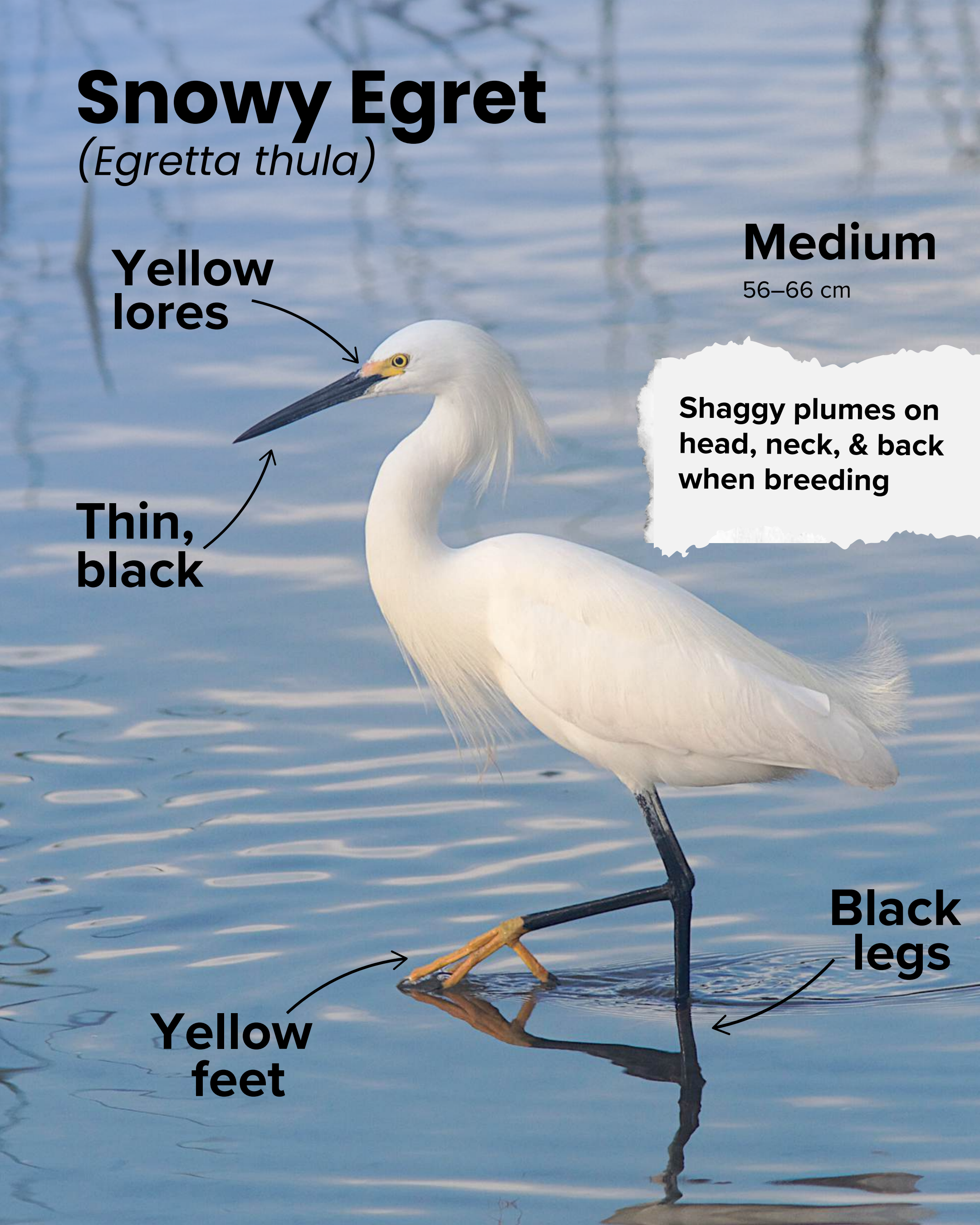


**Shaggy plumes on  
head, neck, & back  
when breeding**

**Black  
legs**



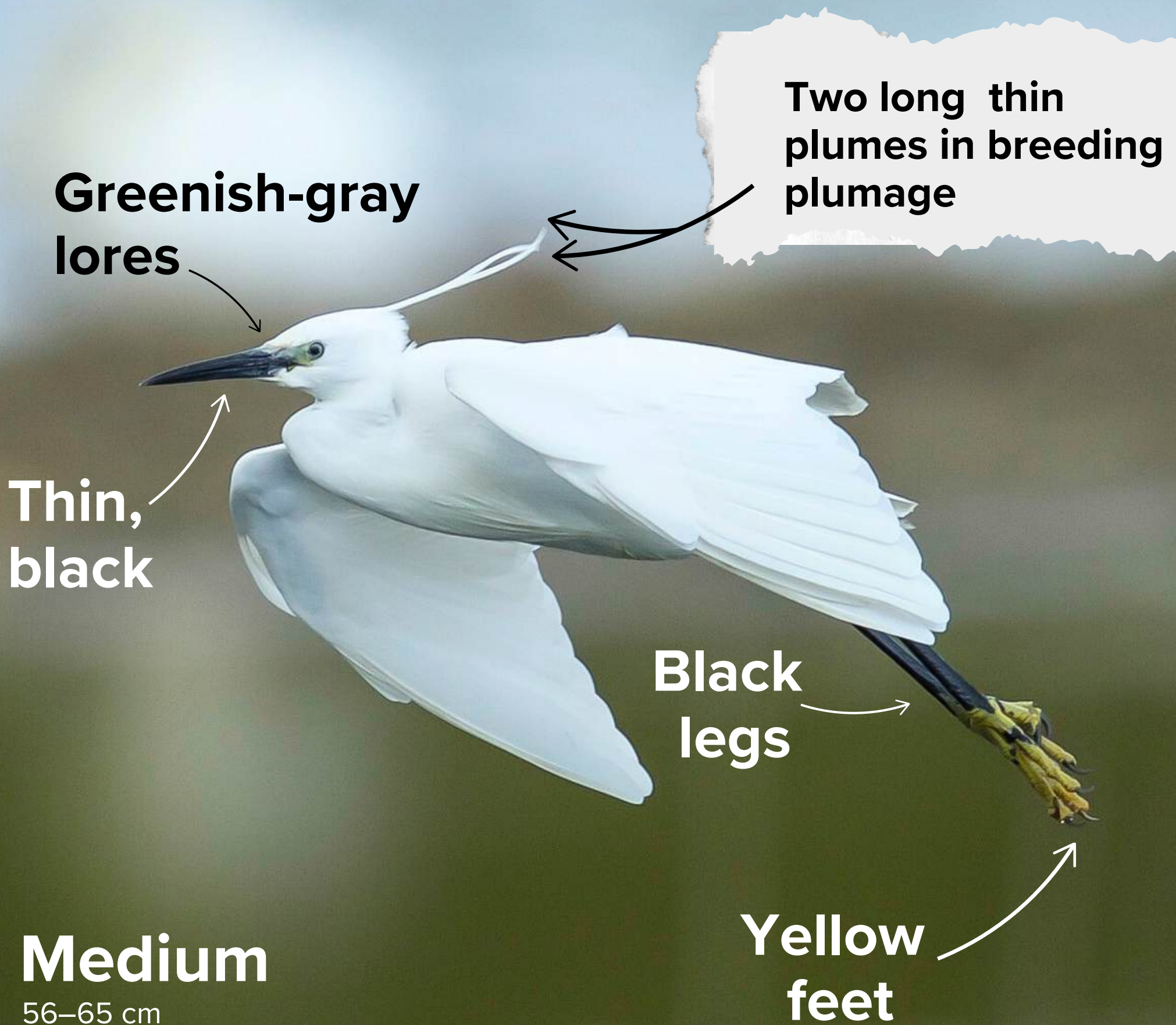
**Yellow  
feet**





# 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

