



Little Egret



Aigrette garzette



Egretta garzetta

The Little Egret is medium sized, white, slightly larger than the Cattle Egret. In all plumages, adults have black bills, longer black legs with yellow toes. In flight, it appears slender and angular. L. 55-65 cm; E. 88-106 cm

Breeding adult: two to three long egrets are located at the back of the neck. Scapulars curved in a crook are visible on the back. The lores are blue or pink. The yellow fingers turn red at the time of the laying.

Non-breeding adult: like the nuptial adult without , the egrets and the ornamental scapulars.

Voice the adult calls are "aaah" or "kaark" hoarse. The chick of this species has a shorter, greenish-yellow bill.

Young: at birth, the chick is white with a pink beak with black tip and the iris is dark. As it grows, the bill darkens and becomes dark gray and pinkish. At fledging, the legs are largely green.

Eggs: on average 4 (from 3 to 5, rarely 6). Greenish blue.

Nest: flat and shallow.

Habitat: The Little Egret is arboreal and breeds mostly with other heron species in mixed colonies, such as the Cattle Egret .

Similar species: the closely related Cattle Egret has a bill shorter, greenish-yellow in colour.

Breeding adult



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Non-breeding Adult



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Nest with eggs



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Eggs and one-week chicks



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Two weeks chick



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