

The Green Heron



About The Green Heron

Earlier this year, in May, I stumbled upon a Green Heron nest at North Pond. Then, in August, while on a walk with some friends, we were surprised to find a young Green Heron perched low in a tree, staring right at us. I realized that this little Green Heron probably came from that nest I saw three months earlier. Then, I wondered how that awkward little heron might have travelled from its nest all the way across the park to that tree. Then, I wrote "The Green Heron". We hope you enjoy it.

Cast, Crew, & Credits

Jacqueline Russell, Artistic Director
Will Bishop, Director of Production

Written by - Shawn Pfautsch
Performed and produced by - Shawn Pfautsch & Jessica Ridenour
Artwork by - Jessica Ridenour
Anthony Lombard - Series Announcer

About the Creators

Chicago-based artists, Shawn Pfautsch and Jessica Ridenour are excited to collaborate at Chicago Children's Theatre for the first time! Although they've been married for five years, The Green Heron is their first play together. You may have seen Shawn on stage at The House Theatre, The Hypocrites or in Chicago Children's Theatre's productions of A Year With Frog and Toad and Frederick. Parents may have seen Jessica on stage at Second City or on their televisions on Chicago PD.

Before You Start...

Before heading out on this exciting adventure, we recommend you:

- Download this map from the chicagochildrenstheatre.org and review it first.
- You may also want to bring a bluetooth speaker or some wireless headphones so everyone in the family can listen together.
- We recommend listening to the podcast once before venturing out on your hike

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Animal References

Juvenile
Green Heron



Big Mulberry Tree

House Sparrow



Green Thing/Tree Circle

Eastern Grey Squirrel



Cottonwood Tree

Painted Turtle



Hackberry Tree

Ring-Billed Gull



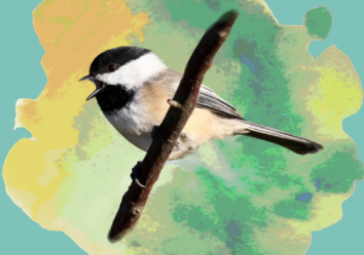
Hackberry Tree

Muskrat



Muskrat!

Black-Capped Chickadee



Stone Steps

Cooper's Hawk



Stone Steps

Great Blue Heron



Arching Tree

Baltimore Checkerspot



Butterfly Garden

Goldfinch & Thistle



Goldfinch

Vocabulary Words

Migrate (verb): to travel from one place to another, often in search of better climate, at a regular time of year. For instance: in the northern hemisphere, birds that can't tolerate cold temperatures migrate south to find warmer weather in autumn.

Innovator (noun): someone that strives to create new ideas, products or ways of doing things that have never been done before. An inventor of totally new and groundbreaking concepts.

Cardinal Directions (noun): the essential compass points - north, south, east and west. Cardinal, in this sense, comes from Latin cardinalis meaning "hinge" - in other words, the essential thing or things that everything related is based on.

Skittering (verb): to run rapidly over a surface

Hack (noun): a strategy for doing something better

Monologue (noun): a long speech for one actor in a play or film.

Walk-a-thon (noun): a long walk involving many participants, usually for charity, where sponsors often pledge a donation for every mile walked by one or many participants

Entrepreneur (noun): someone who starts businesses that often have high risks or starting costs in the hopes of a higher reward when the business succeeds.

Atrocity (noun): a shocking and cruel act, often using violence

Analogy (noun): a comparison showing how two things are similar

Nemesis (noun): a long-standing opponent or enemy that cannot be defeated or overcome

Riparian (adjective): relating to a land or habitat on the banks of a body of water

Indubitably (adverb): unquestionably true

Pescatarian (noun): a person or animal whose only source of meat is fish or seafood

Technicality (noun): a small detail, often in a rule or law, that is pointed out in order to gain an advantage

Mustered (verb): to gather a feeling or other internal force in order to overcome something