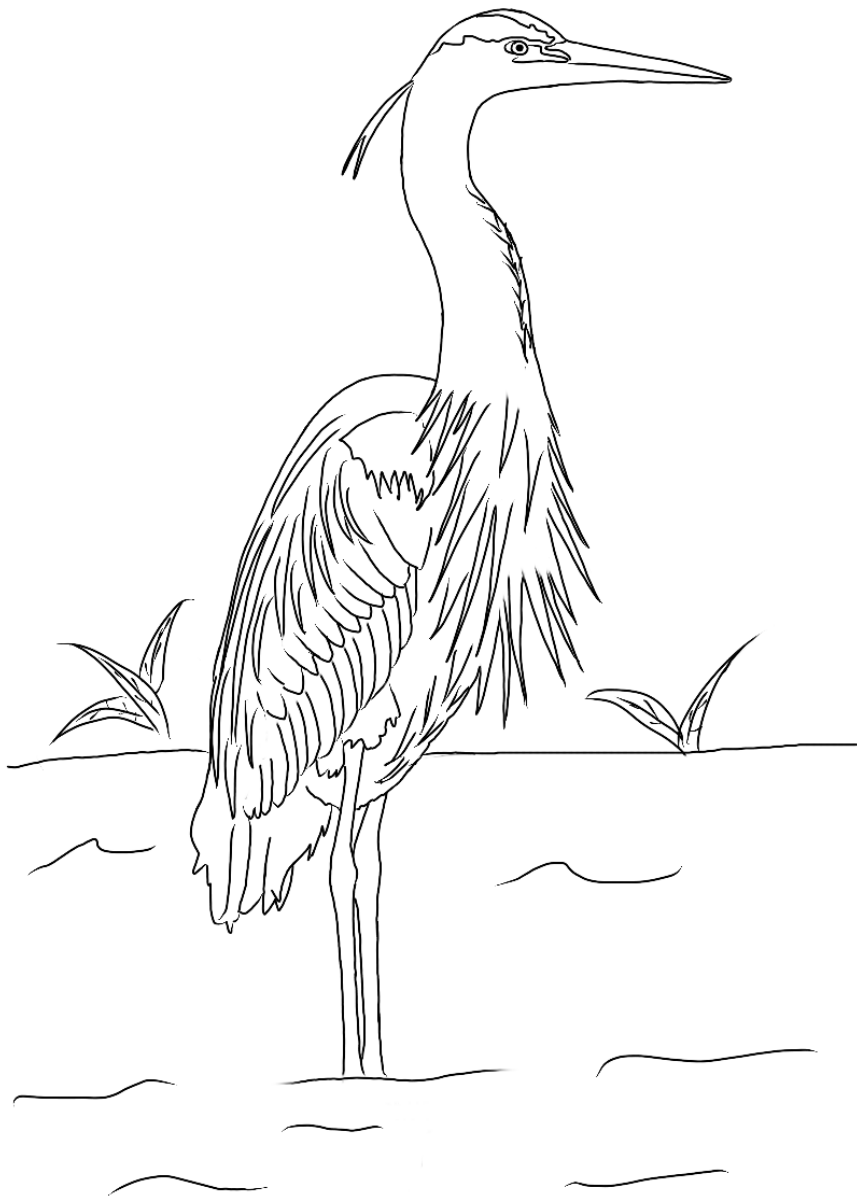


# Great Blue Heron

*Ardea herodias*

Great blue herons are large wading birds that can be found near open bodies of water and wetlands across all parts of North and Central America. They are the largest heron in North America, standing at an average of four feet tall and having a wingspan of up to six feet! They are easily recognized by their size and notable slate-blue feathers and yellowish bill. While they mostly prey on smaller fish, they have been known to eat shrimp, aquatic insects, small mammals, amphibians and reptiles.



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