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## **Reddish Egret**

If there were theatrical awards for birds, the reddish egret would be hard to beat for best performance by a wader in a marsh, estuary, or lagoon. In breeding plumage, it exhibits long, copper-colored head and neck plumes; a pinkish, black-tipped bill; and blue legs.



Combine that with the reddish egret's uninhibited dance moves, and you have a bird with real star quality!



Except, except. . ..

Sometimes they are pure white! Though relatively rare in Florida, the white morph makes up 40–50% of the population along the Gulf Coast of Texas.



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