

## **The Blue Heron**

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One summer's day, I was riding home from swim team practice when I saw a Blue Heron in Little Sewickley Creek. I remembered that when I was in Girl Scouts I played in that creek. That heron was so majestic, so long and slender and handsome. The heron was fishing with its long beak that looked to be at least six inches. Its beak gracefully dove into the flowing water and the heron succeeded in catching its squirmy prey.

I noticed that the heron was a light blue color, with grayish white feathers. It had a long white neck, with a blue crest running down its head. Its long slender beak and its long, powerful wings really make it unique. Its tall slender body made a very poised appearance. That is why I think the Blue Heron is the most interesting creature I ever saw in the wild.

Congratulations Sarah,

We really appreciated your ability to describe this commonly seen bird with such emotion and a sense of wonder. Keep on writing with heart!

Sincerely,  
Buck and Diana Wilde