

## ARDEA VIRGO.

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### CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* rectum, longum, acutum.

*Nares* lineares.

*Lingua* acuminata.

*Pedes* tetradactyli.

### CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

*Ardea cinereo-cærulescens*, capite collo pectoreque nigris, crista utrinque postoculari recurvata nivea.

*Ardea Virgo*. A. superciliis albis postice retrorsumque longe cristatis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.*

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Asiana et Africana est species de qua jam loquimur, ciconia paulo gracilior, nec tamen multo minor. In Britanniam non raro defertur: cito mansuescit, et cum custodibus init familiaritatem et amicitiam. Eleganter incedit, mire variatis gestibus. Merito numeranda est *Ardea Virgo* in pulcherrimis congenere.

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THE  
NUMIDIAN CRANE.

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GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* strait, long, sharp-pointed.

*Nostrils* linear.

*Tongue* pointed.

*Feet* tetradactylous.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Blueish-grey Heron, with black head, neck,  
and breast, and a snow-white recurved  
crest behind each eye.

Demoiselle Heron.

*Lath. syn.*

The Demoiselle of Numidia.

*Edw. pl. 134.*

Dancing, or Numidian Crane.

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The present species of Heron is a native of many parts of Asia and Africa, and is about the size of a Crane, but of a somewhat more slender shape: it is not unfrequently brought into this country, where it is easily tamed, and exhibits a considerable degree of attachment to its possessor. It is remarkable for the variety and singular elegance of its attitudes, and may be justly considered as one of the most beautiful birds of the genus to which it belongs.



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