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Front Cover: **BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON**

The black-crowned night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) also known as the black-capped night heron (*Nycticorax* means "night raven" and derives from the Ancient Greek *nyktos* "night" and *korax*, "raven"), is a medium-sized heron found throughout a large part of the world. The black-crowned night heron have a black crown and back with the remainder of the body white or grey, red eyes, and short yellow legs. They have pale grey wings and white under parts. They primarily eat all fish, crustaceans, frogs, aquatic insects, small mammals, and small birds. The cover of this edition of the Israel Journal of Veterinary Medicine features pictures taken by the Wild Life Photographer Assaf Grinwald from Kibbutz Maagan.