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

The black-crowned night heron, (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), is a medium-sized heron. Their name is derived from Ancient Greek: *Nycticorax* meaning “night raven” refers to their largely nocturnal feeding habits and their croaking crow-like call. Both resident and migrant colonies are present in Israel. This herons’ preferred habitats are lakes, fish ponds and sewage ponds. They eat fish, amphibians, insects, small mammals and reptiles. The black-crowned night heron can be frequently viewed in Israel in the Hula valley and in the area of Kibbutz Maagen Michael. The pictures for the cover of the journal were gratefully provided by Mr. Moshe Technai, Rehovot.