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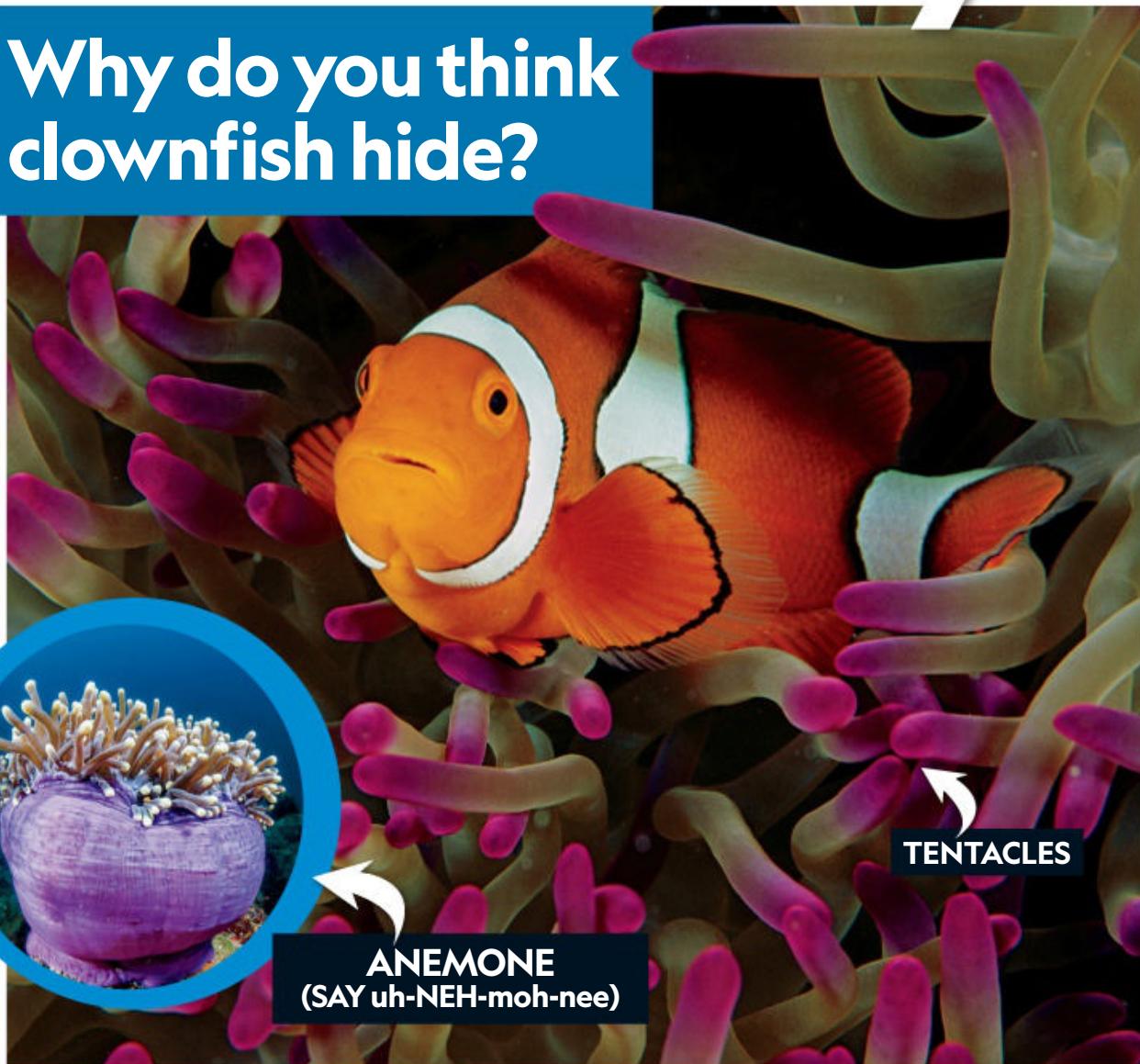
Stay Splashy,

Sea Lion!



# Why?

**Why do you think  
clownfish hide?**



TENTACLES

**ANEMONE**  
(SAY uh-NEH-moh-nee)

A clownfish stays safe from bigger fish inside an anemone's tentacles. To say thanks, the clownfish protects the anemone from even bigger animals.

# What Is Different?

Look at each picture in the top row.  
Find the differences between it and the one below.



Find one  
difference.

Find two  
differences.

Find three  
differences.

# That's Cool!

Meet the saiga.

A saiga is a  
small antelope  
about as big as  
a large dog.

SAY MY NAME:  
SY-guh



A saiga  
eats shrubs,  
grass, and  
herbs.

Its big,  
floppy nose  
helps the saiga  
smell nearby  
predators.

# What in the World Are These?



\_OAP



\_OWEL



\_OAT



\_UBBLES



\_UCK



\_OOTHRUSH



\_HAMPOO



\_OBE



\_AUCET

Name other things that are **in a bathroom**.

# SEA LION FUN

Sea lions flip, jump, spin, and race. It looks like fun! But it also helps them live.

A circular inset photograph showing a sea lion in the middle of a spin. The sea lion's body is curved, and its front flipper is extended upwards. A small white arrow points clockwise above the sea lion's head, indicating the direction of its spin. The background is a bright blue ocean.

SPINNING



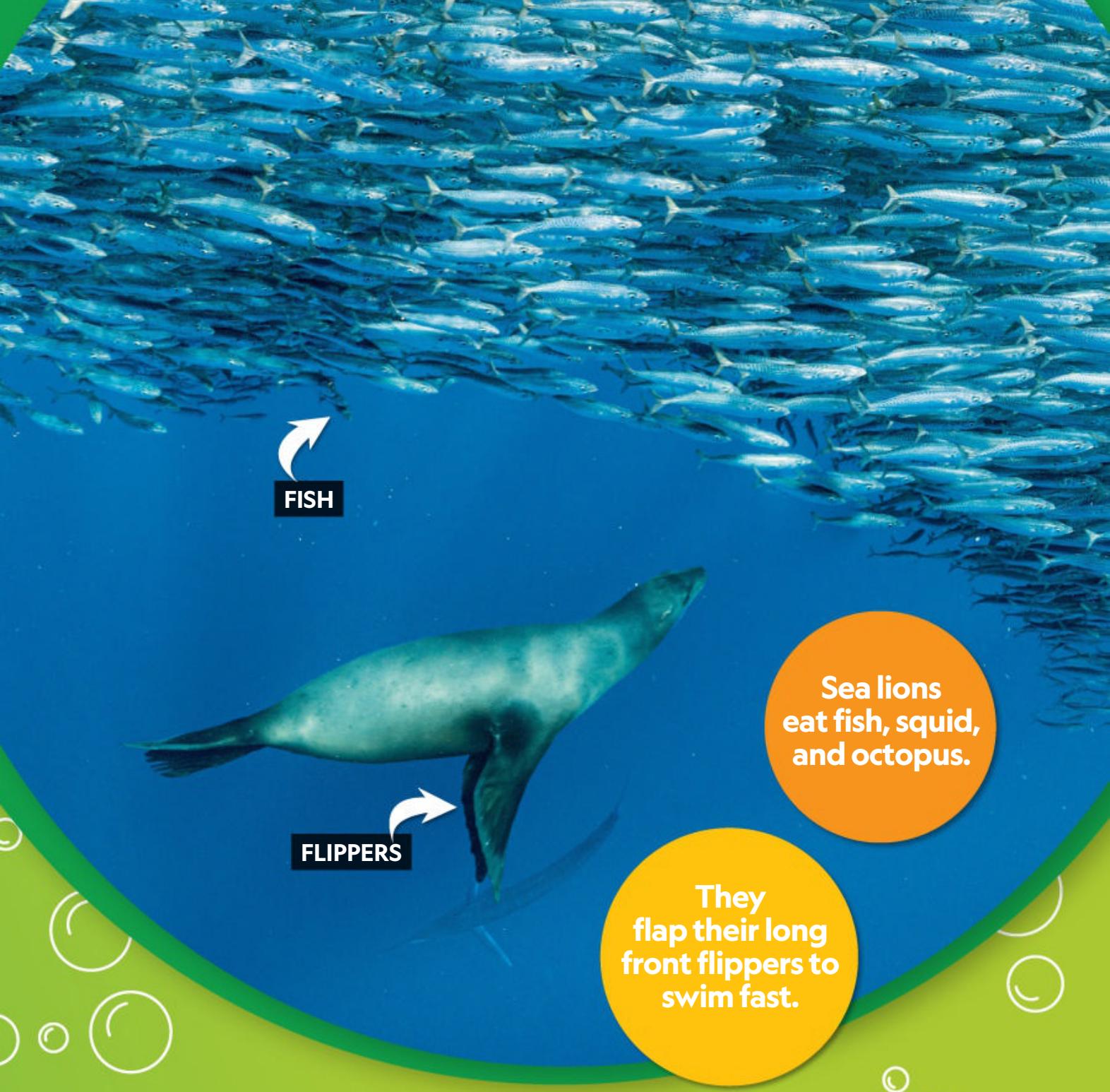


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Sea lions splash through tall waves and dash through sea plants. They jump and flip in the air, too.





Sea lions  
eat fish, squid,  
and octopus.

They  
flap their long  
front flippers to  
swim fast.

Swimming like this helps  
sea lions catch fish and get away  
from sharks. But it can also be fun!

# SILLY SENTENCES

Read each silly sentence aloud. Then look at the pictures. Find the animal that starts with the same letter as the other words in the sentence.

A laughing \_\_\_\_\_ leaps over logs licking lemons.

A dear \_\_\_\_\_ dances through desert daisies.

The king \_\_\_\_\_ kisses a kind key.

The red \_\_\_\_\_ reads riddles in the rain.

A pair of \_\_\_\_\_ plop into a pile of pickles.

An odd \_\_\_\_\_ orders oodles of oranges.

**DOLPHIN**

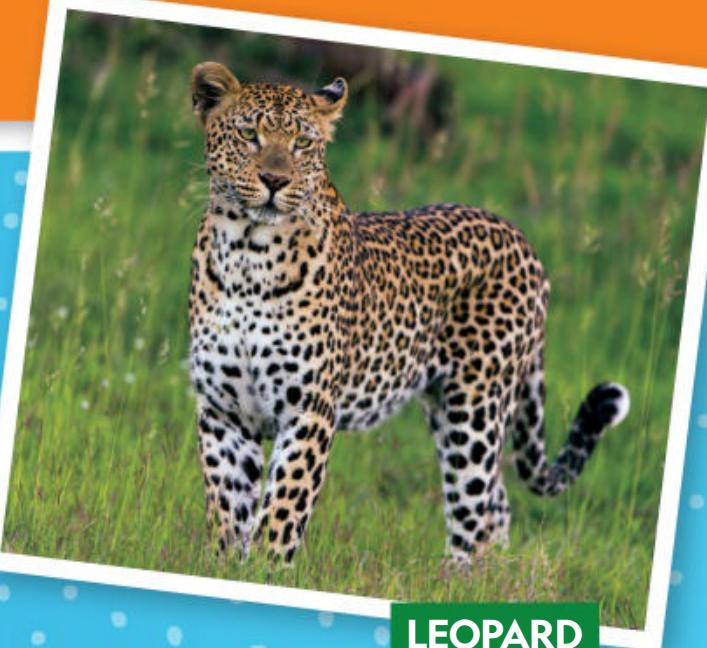
Can you say a word that starts with the same sound that your name starts with?

# NCES

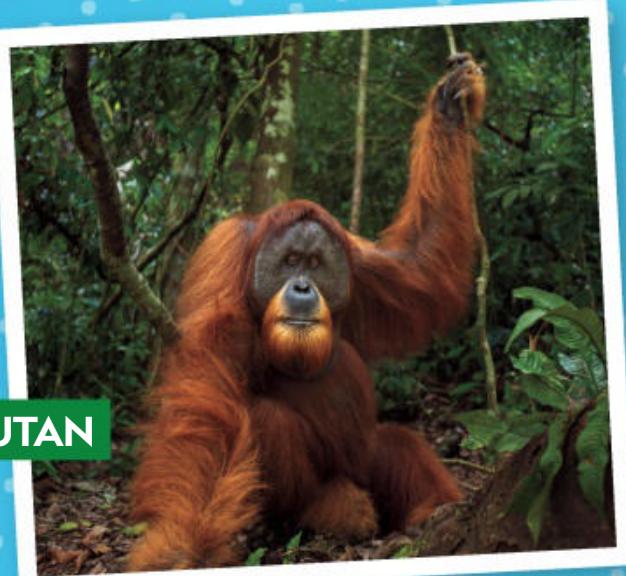
KANGAROO



LEOPARD



ORANGUTAN



PARROTS



RACCOON



# ANIMALS

BABY

MOM



# HANG ON, BABY MONKEY!

Squirrel monkeys live in forest trees. The baby rides on Mom's back as she looks for food.

Squirrel monkeys eat fruit and insects.



The baby holds  
on with strong  
arms and legs.  
Then Mom leaps  
from branch  
to branch.



Their long  
tails help the  
monkeys balance  
as they move on  
tree branches.

Staying close keeps the baby safe.  
It also means big hugs all the time!

# OTHER PRIMATES

Monkeys are in a group of animals called primates. Here are a few other primates.

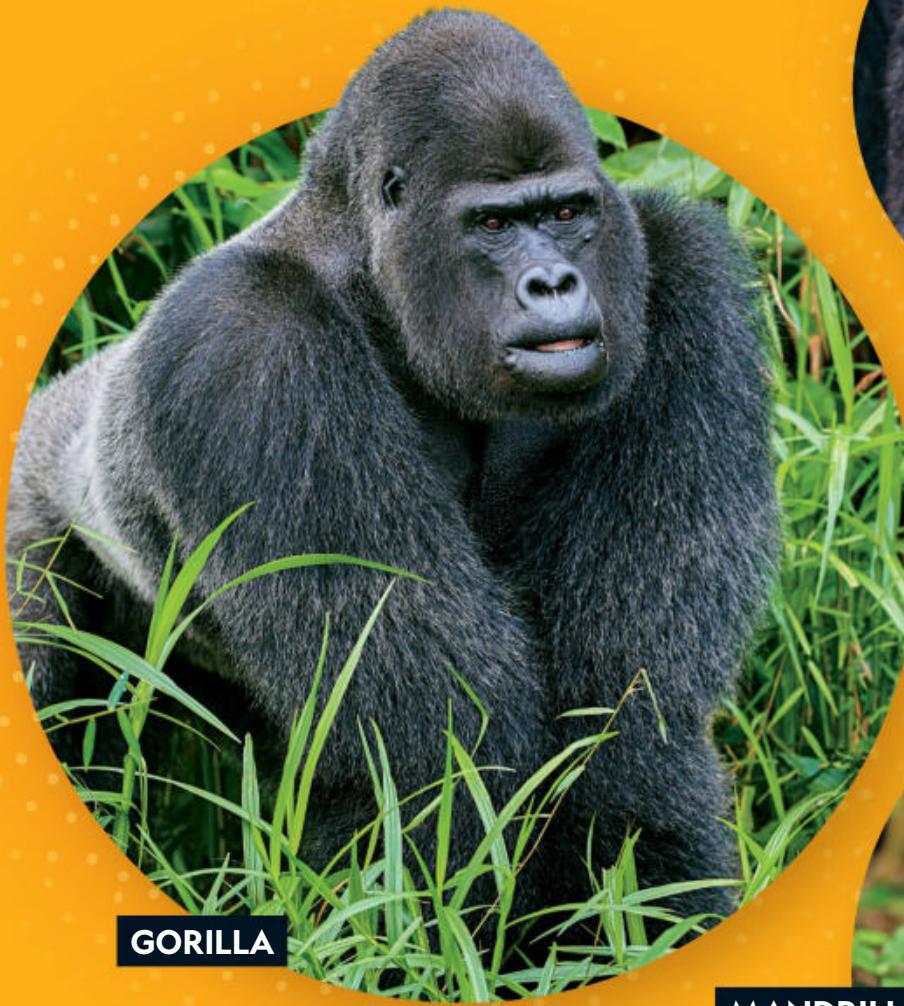
GOLDEN LION TAMARIN



SAKI



GORILLA



MANDRILL



## DIRECTIONS

# LOOKING FOR LUNCH

Elephants eat grass, flowers, and fruit.  
Follow the clues below to help the hungry  
elephant find its dinner in the forest.



START

Go around the wild boar.  
Step in between the beetles.  
Walk through the plants.  
Step away from the tiger.  
Move toward the deer.  
Go under the bird.





# AMEERKAT



1

A meerkat eats insects, spiders, and scorpions. It sniffs the sand where they hide.



2

The meerkat digs out a scorpion with its front paws. The meerkat digs so fast that the scorpion cannot escape.

# EATS



SCORPION



3

The meerkat grabs the scorpion with its mouth. Then it bites off the scorpion's dangerous stinger.



4

It shares the scorpion with a baby meerkat to teach it what to eat. Then the baby chews its crunchy meal.

# WHERE DO BIRDS SLEEP?

Birds sleep in many different places. They might sleep high in a tree, low in a shrub, on the ground, or even in shallow water.

To get ready, many birds fluff up their soft feathers and pull one leg in. Then they tuck their beak or bill against their body.



Flamingos often stand on one leg while they sleep.

How do you get ready to go to sleep?



Owls  
hunt at night,  
so they sleep  
during the  
day.

SLEEPING



NORTHERN  
SAW-WHET OWL

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# WEATHER FUN

Look at the three kinds of weather below.  
Match the clothes or gear you would use  
during the different kinds of weather.

UMBRELLA



SWIMSUIT



SCARF



What is the  
weather  
like today?

RAINY



SUNNY



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**GULL**

# gull

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## FUN FACTS

**There are more than 50 kinds  
of gulls. This one is called  
the lesser black-backed gull.**

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CLOUDED LEOPARD

# clouded leopard

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## FUN FACTS

**These leopards are good tree climbers. They can even hang upside down from branches.**

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# WILD CARDS



ORCA

# orca

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## FUN FACTS

Orcas are members of the dolphin family. They are the largest kind of dolphin.

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ALLIGATOR

# alligator

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## FUN FACTS

**Baby alligators hatch from eggs. Mother alligators guard the nests and protect their babies.**

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**SEAHORSE**

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# seahorse

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## FUN FACTS

**Seahorses are a kind of fish.  
They use their noses like straws  
to suck food into their mouths.**

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PALM BEETLE

# palm beetle

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## **FUN FACTS**

**Palm beetles get their name from what they eat:  
palm tree leaves.**

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## OBSERVATION

# Hide-and-Seek

Can you find a bird called a heron in this picture?



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