



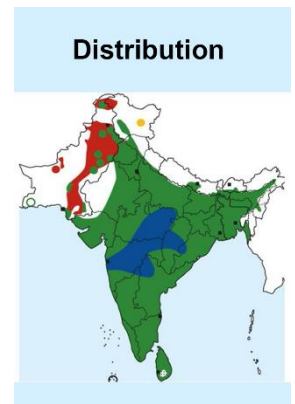
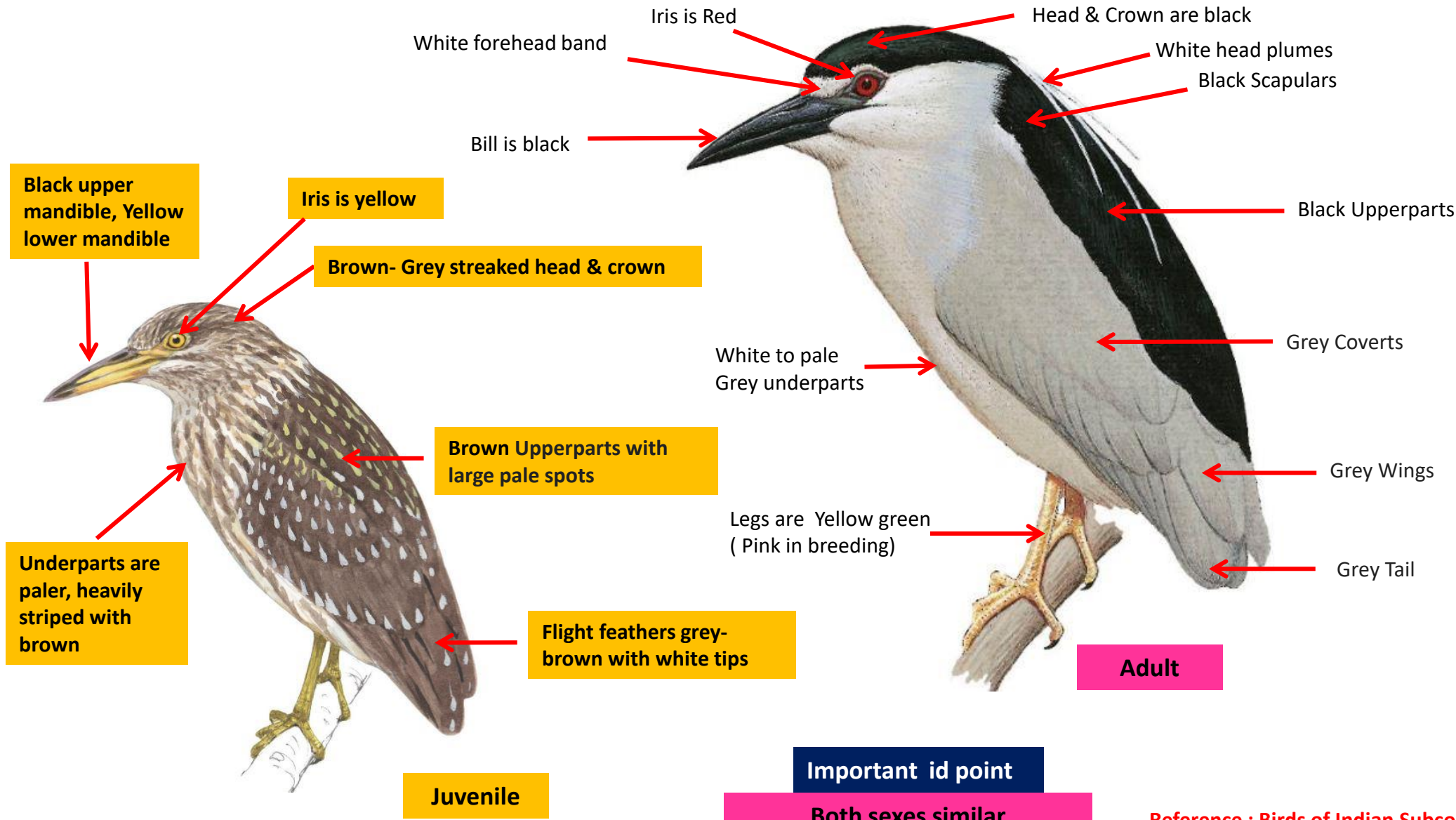
- The following pages have some identification markers for each of Herons found in India
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# List of Herons found in India

Sno.	Name	Binomial Name
1	Black-crowned Night Heron	<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>
2	Chinese Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola bacchus</i>
3	Goliath Heron	<i>Ardea goliath</i>
4	Grey Heron	<i>Ardea cinerea</i>
5	Indian Pond Heron	<i>Ardeola grayii</i>
6	Malayan Night Heron	<i>Gorsachius melanolophus</i>
7	Purple Heron	<i>Ardea purpurea</i>
8	Striated Heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>
9	White-bellied Heron	<i>Ardea insignis</i>

# Black-crowned Night Heron identification Tips

Black-crowned Night Heron : *Nycticorax nycticorax*: Widespread resident in India



**Important id point**

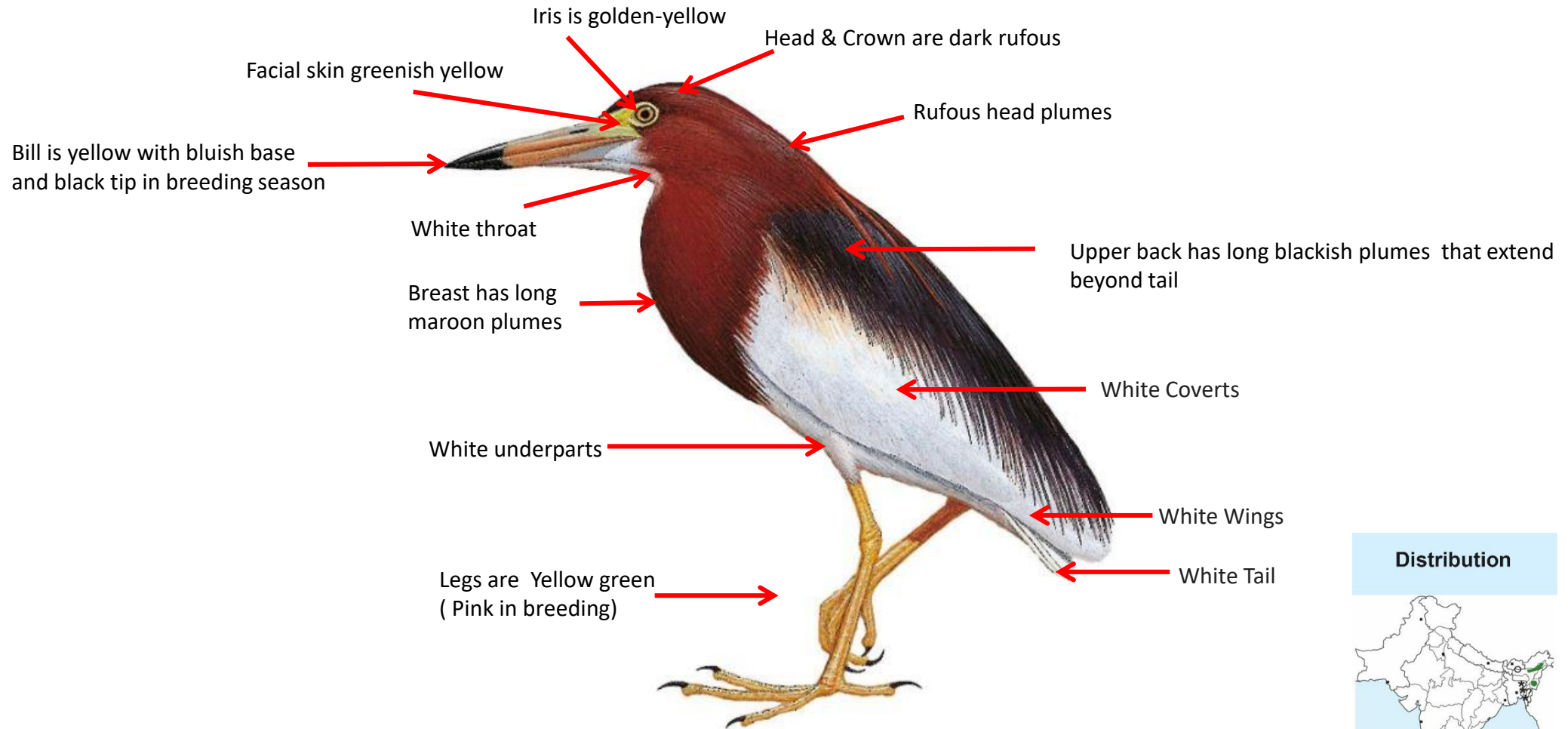
**Both sexes similar**

**Difference from Adult**

Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent  
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# Chinese Pond Heron identification Tips

**Chinese Pond Heron : *Ardeola bacchus*** : Resident & winter visitor to Andaman Islands & North East India



**Adult**

## Distribution



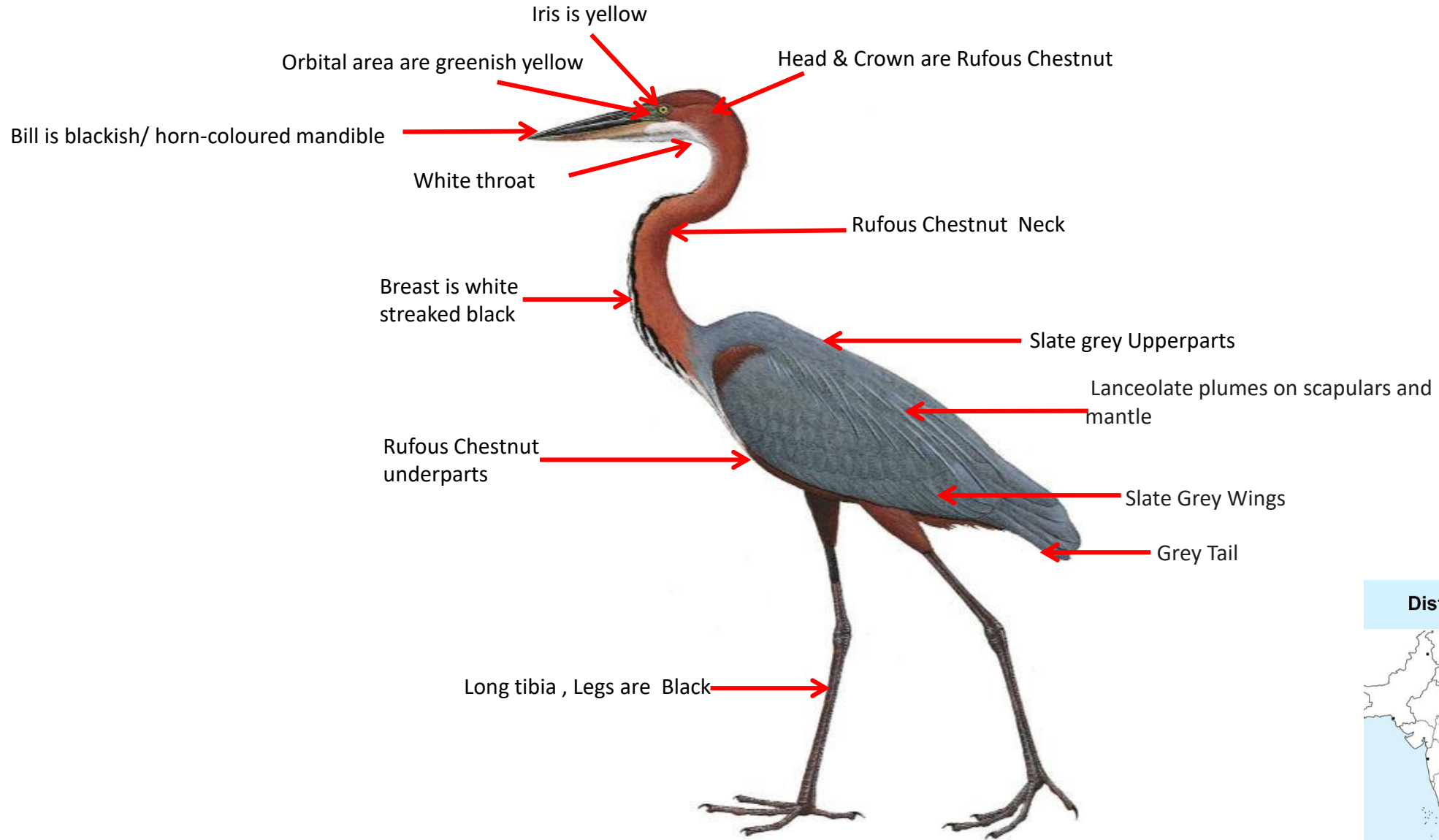
**Important id point**

**Both sexes similar**

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# Goliath Heron identification Tips

**Goliath Heron : *Ardea goliath***: Resident and Winter Visitor to North East India



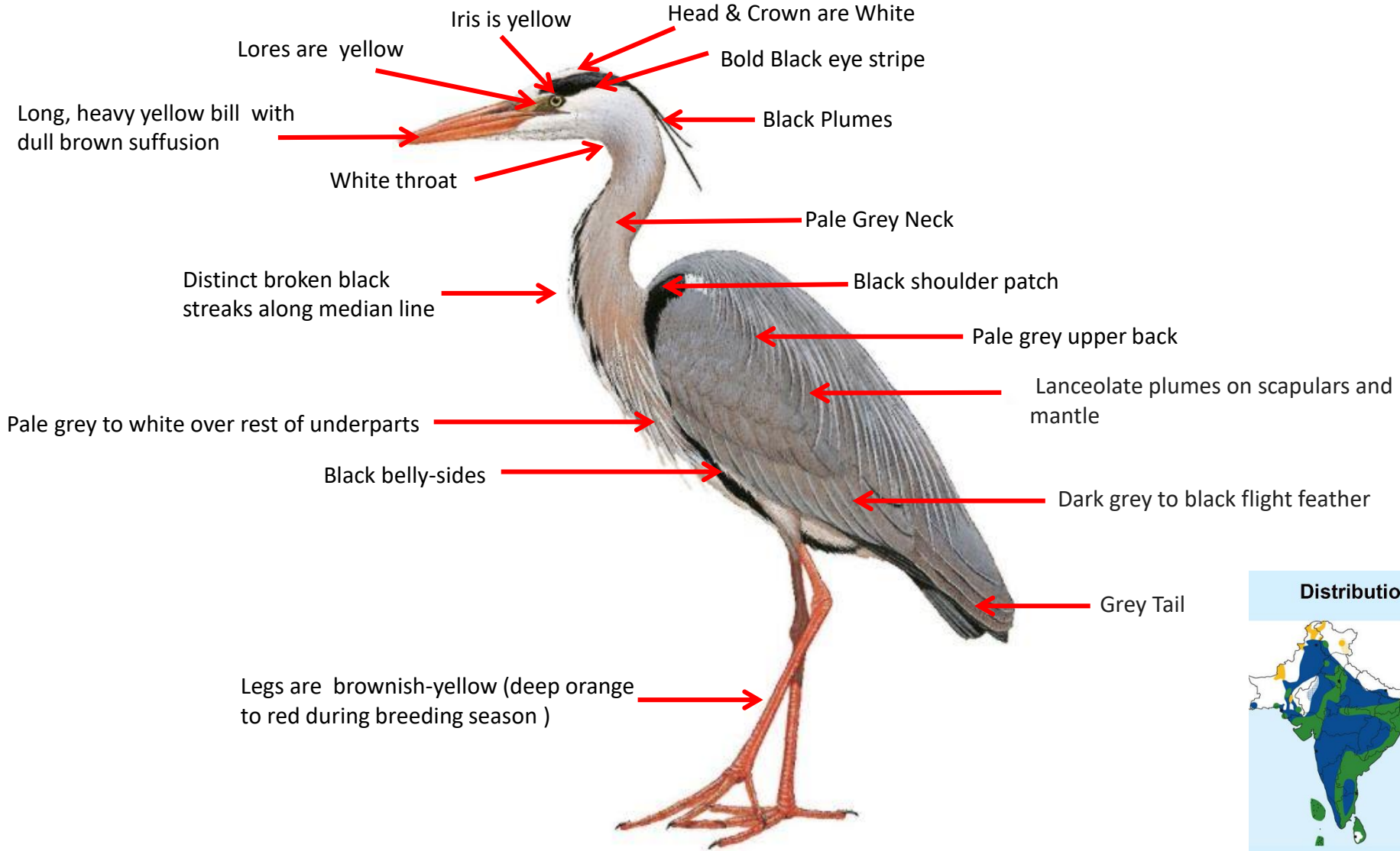
**Important id point**

**Both sexes similar**

**Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent  
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# Grey Heron identification Tips

**Grey Heron : *Ardea cinerea***: Widespread Resident , passage Migrant & winter visitor in India



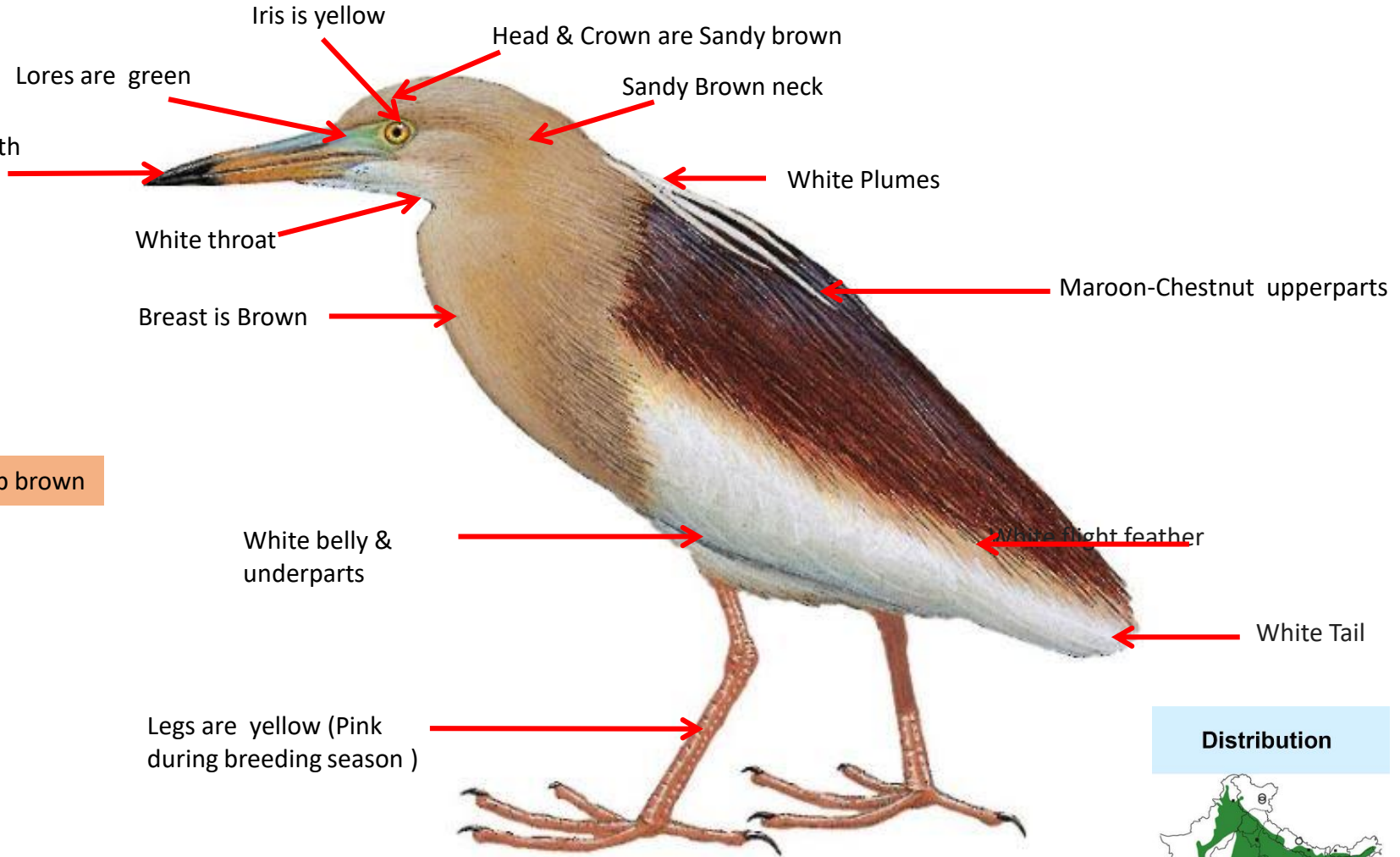
**Important id point**

**Both sexes similar**

**Reference : Birds of Indian Subcontinent  
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# Indian Pond Heron identification Tips

Indian Pond Heron : *Ardeola grayii* : Widespread resident in India



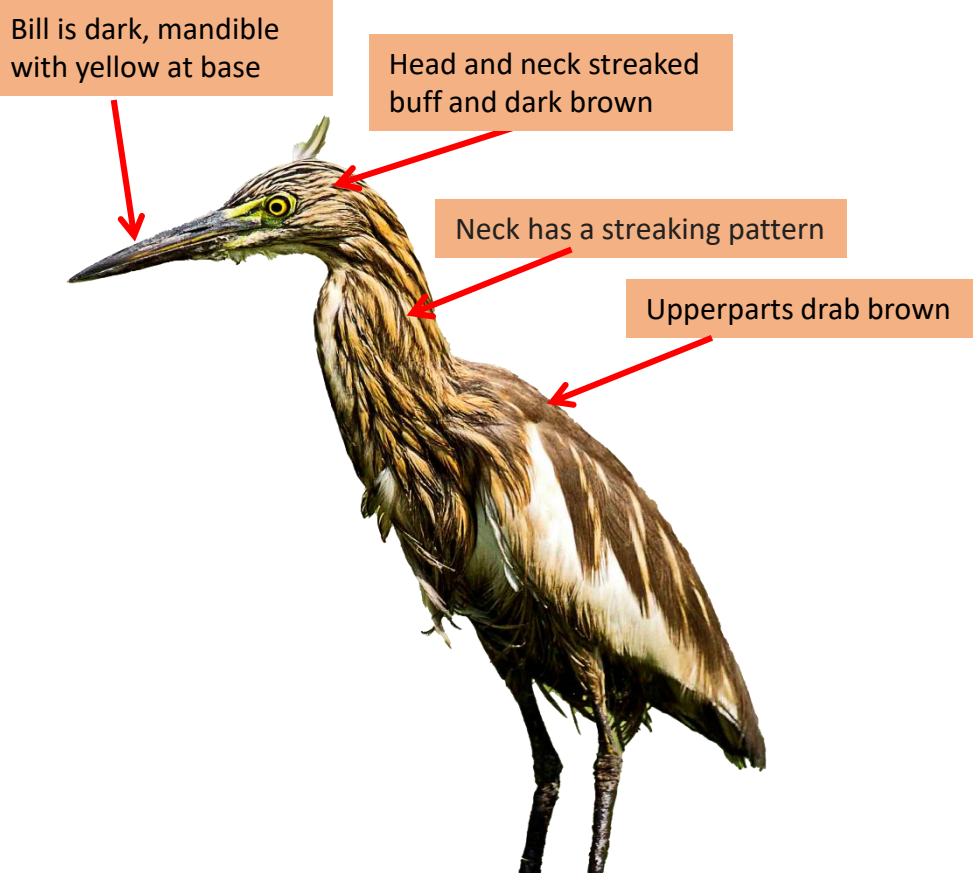
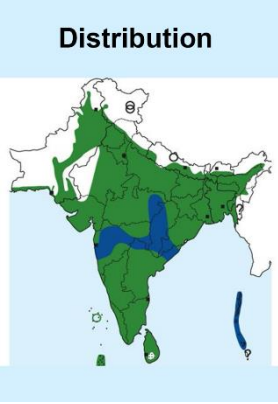
**Breeding**

**Important id point**

**Both sexes similar**

**Difference from Breeding**

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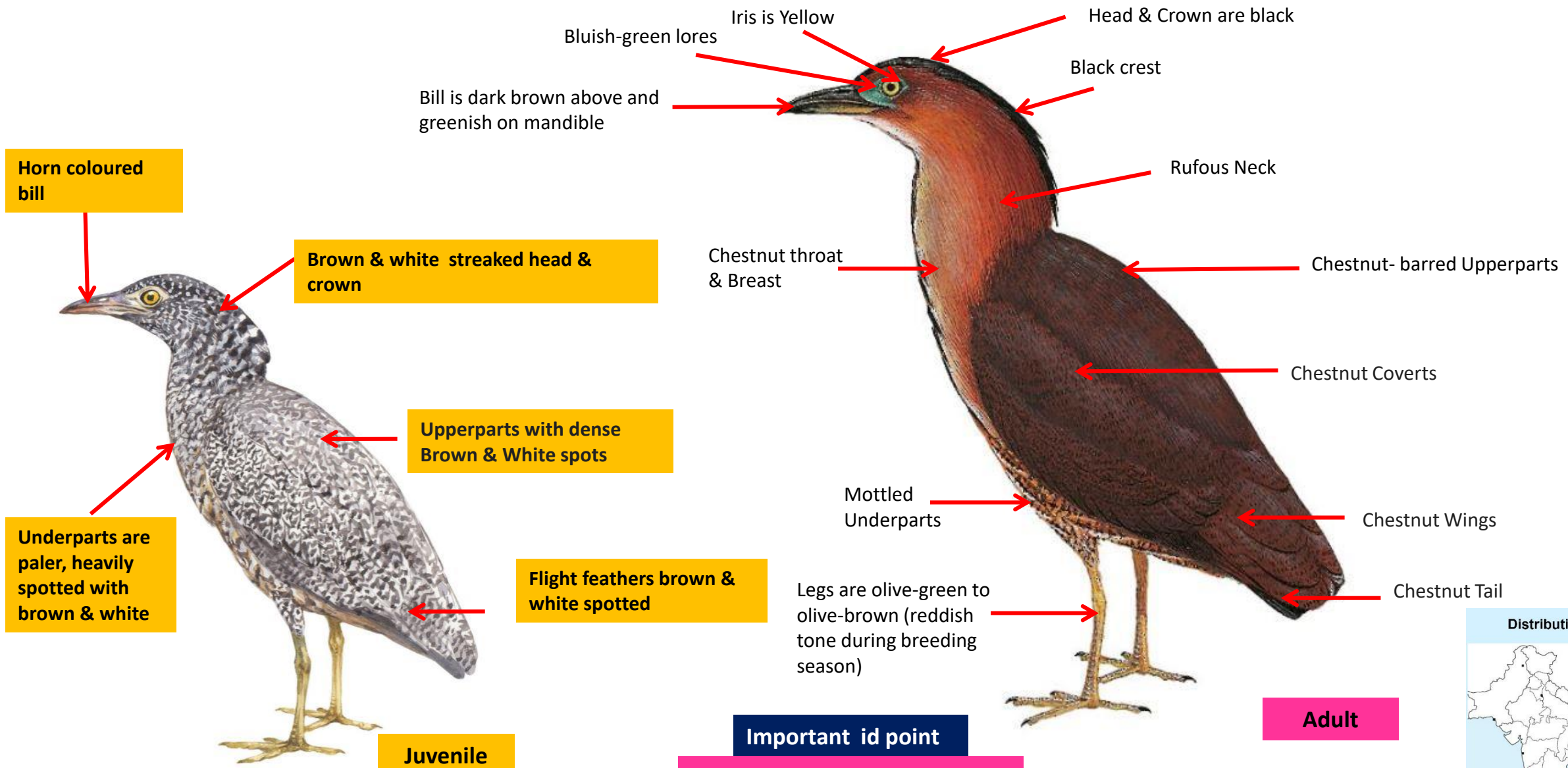


**Non-Breeding**

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# Malayan Night Heron identification Tips

Malayan Night Heron : *Gorsachius melanolophus*: Resident of Western Ghats Nicobar Islands & North East India



Horn coloured bill

Brown & white streaked head & crown

Underparts are paler, heavily spotted with brown & white

Upperparts with dense Brown & White spots

Flight feathers brown & white spotted

Juvenile

Bluish-green lores

Iris is Yellow

Bill is dark brown above and greenish on mandible

Head & Crown are black

Black crest

Rufous Neck

Chestnut throat & Breast

Chestnut- barred Upperparts

Chestnut Coverts

Mottled Underparts

Chestnut Wings

Legs are olive-green to olive-brown (reddish tone during breeding season)

Chestnut Tail

Adult

Important id point

Both sexes similar

Difference from Adult

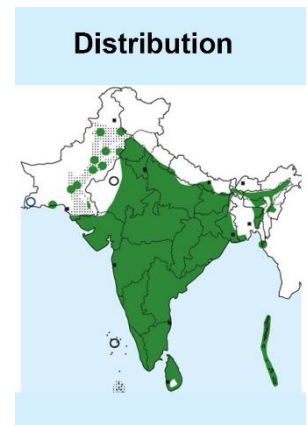
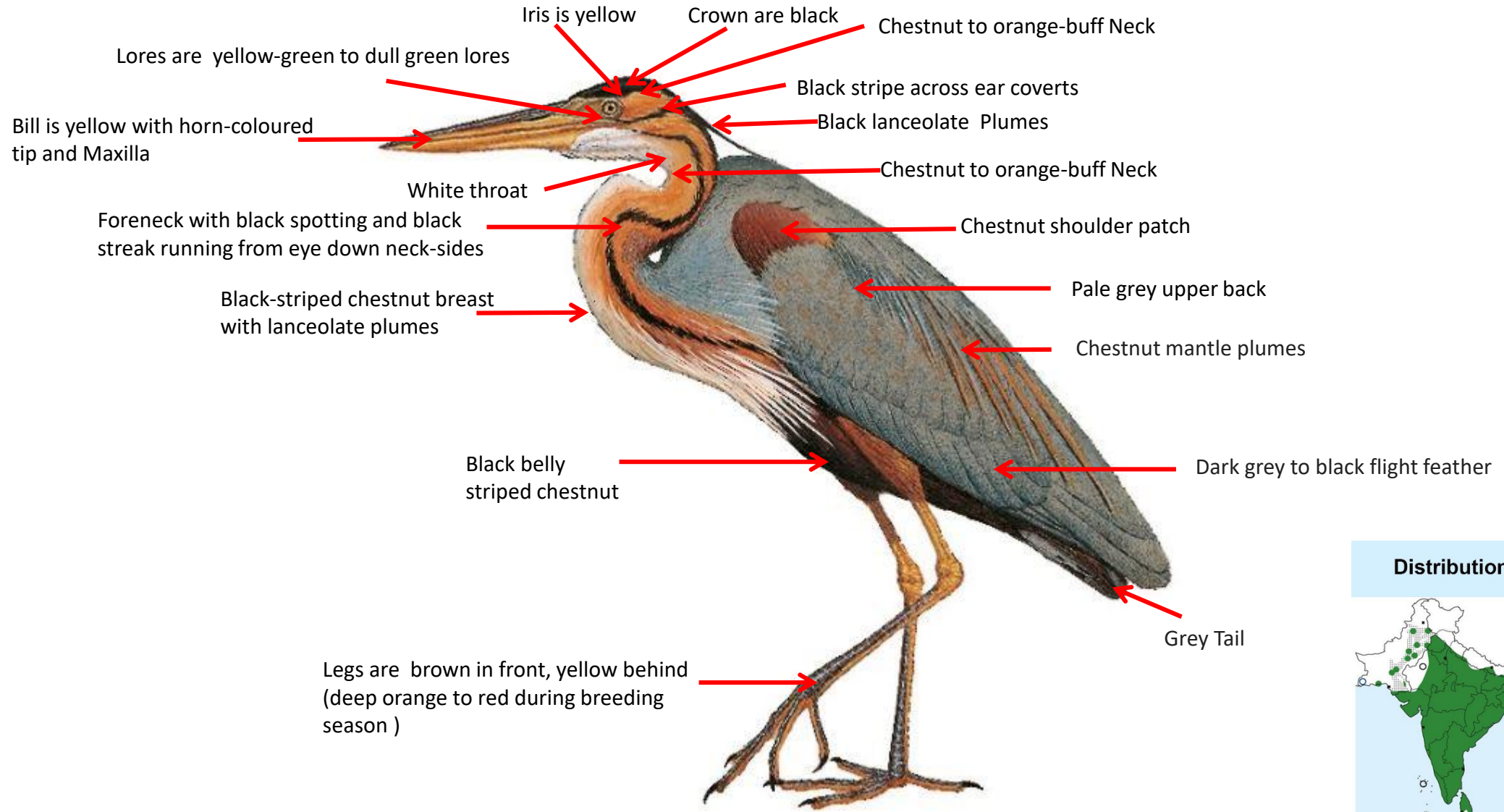
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# Purple Heron identification Tips

**Purple Heron : *Ardea purpurea manilensis*:** Widespread resident in India



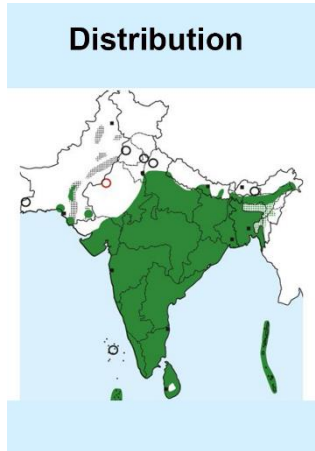
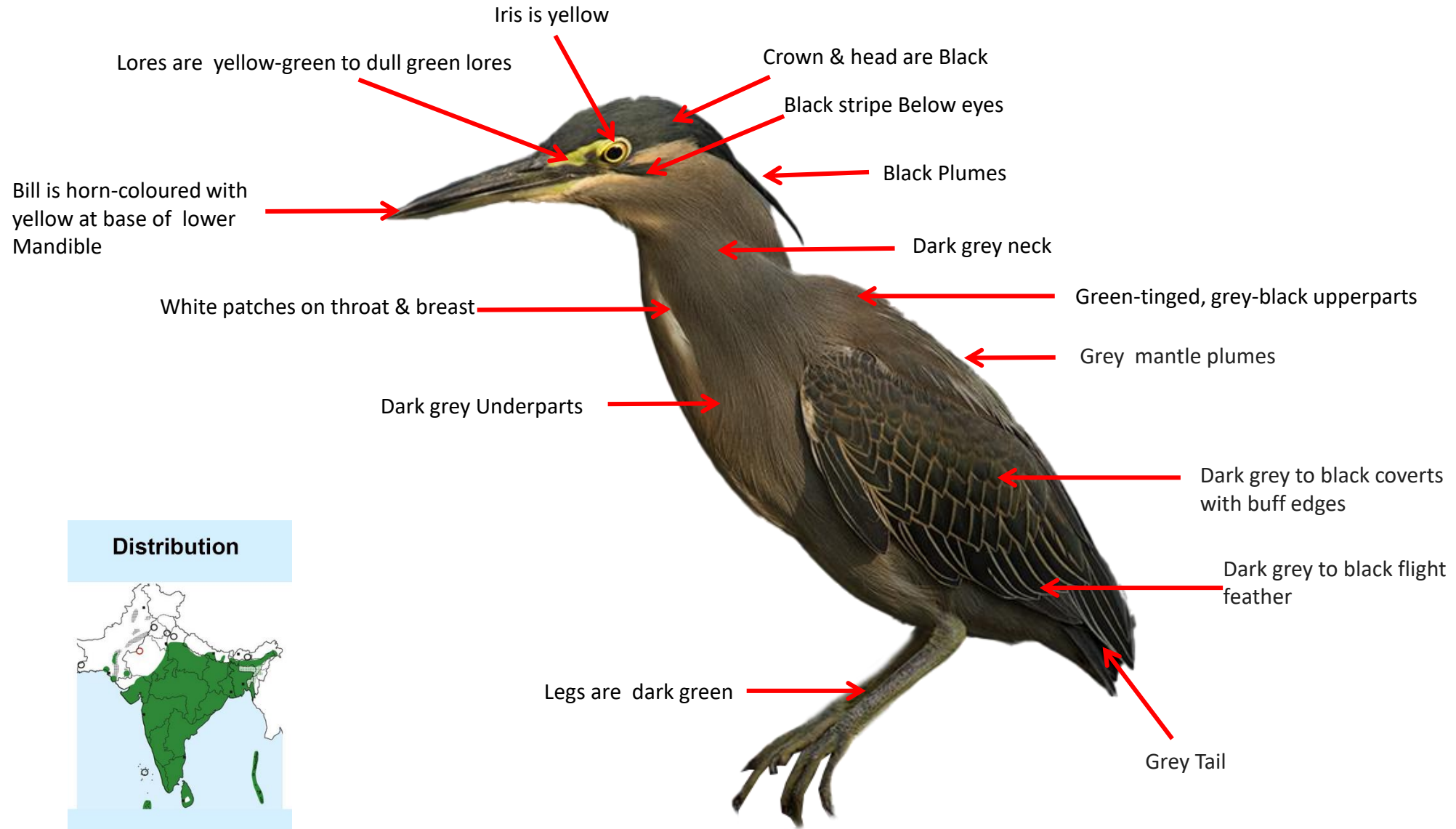
**Important id point**

**Both sexes similar**

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# Striated Heron identification Tips

**Striated Heron : *Butorides striata***: Widespread resident in India

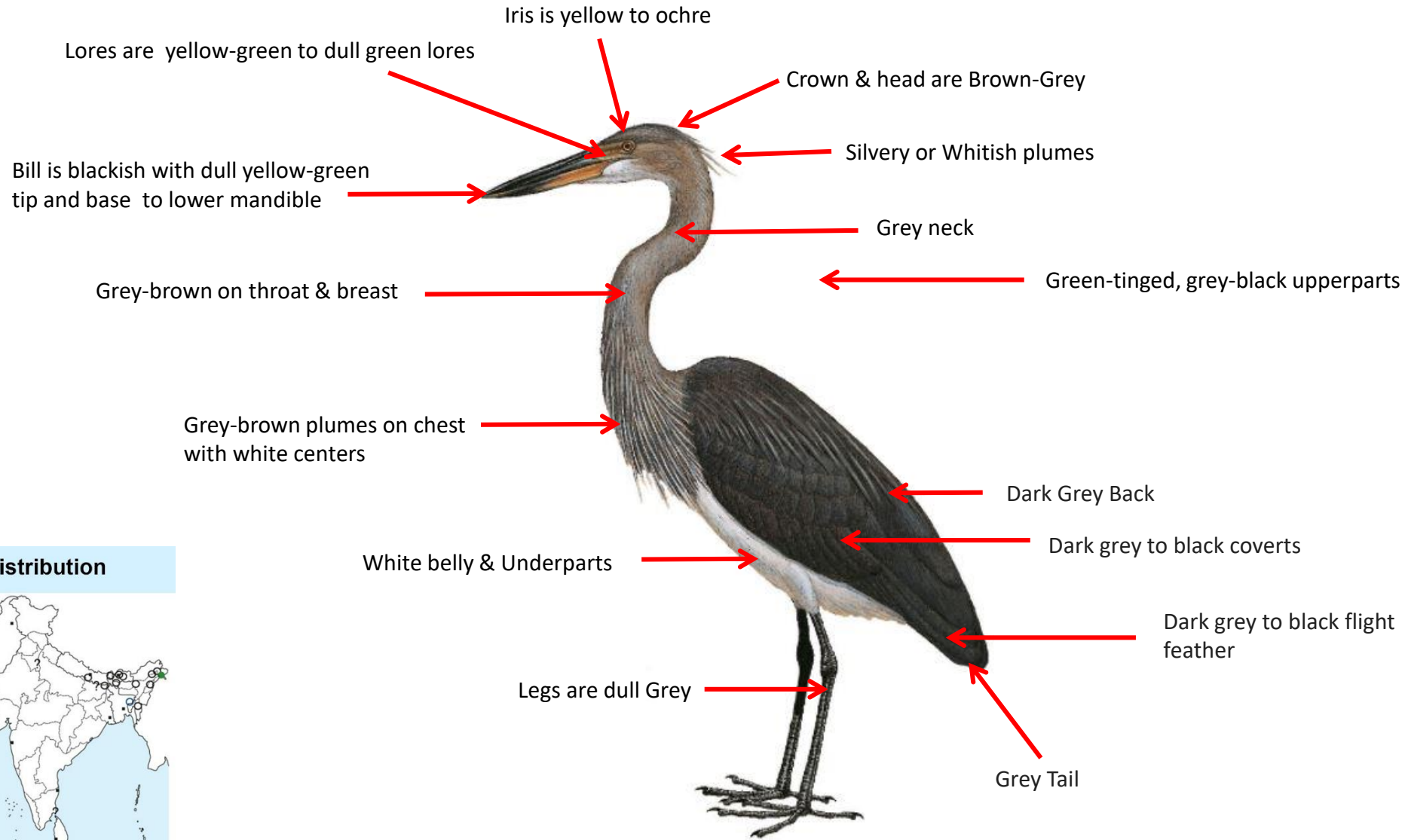


**Important id point**

**Both sexes similar**

# White-bellied Heron identification Tips

**White-bellied Heron : *Ardea insignis*** : Resident of foothills of Eastern Himalayas in India



## Distribution



**Important id point**

**Both sexes similar**

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