

Allen Parks and Recreation Department may soon begin preventive measures including noisemaking devices and visual deterrents to discourage migratory bird settlement at Celebration Park.

Last year, the five acre wooded section of the park adjacent to Angel Parkway was closed for over six months as a large population of federally protected Cattle Egrets nested. Since that time, Parks staff spent significant time cleaning the area and trimming low vegetation and small trees in order to thin the forest canopy to discourage nesting this year. Other methods suggested by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service include raising balloons that have a large “eye” or similar graphic and utilizing devices that will temporarily create a noisy, disruptive environment.

If either the Cattle Egret or its scout bird, the Night Heron, are spotted, these preventative measures may be required to begin in March to safeguard the recreational uses of Celebration Park, Allen’s largest community park.



*Environmental Impact*



*Cattle Egret*



*Scare-eye Balloons*



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*Cattle Egrets*



*Night Heron*

If you spot either Cattle Egrets or Night Herons in the park or nearby, you can report the sighting to City Staff at 214.509.3150.

To learn more about City efforts, visit [CityOfAllen.org/MigratoryBirds](http://CityOfAllen.org/MigratoryBirds).

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