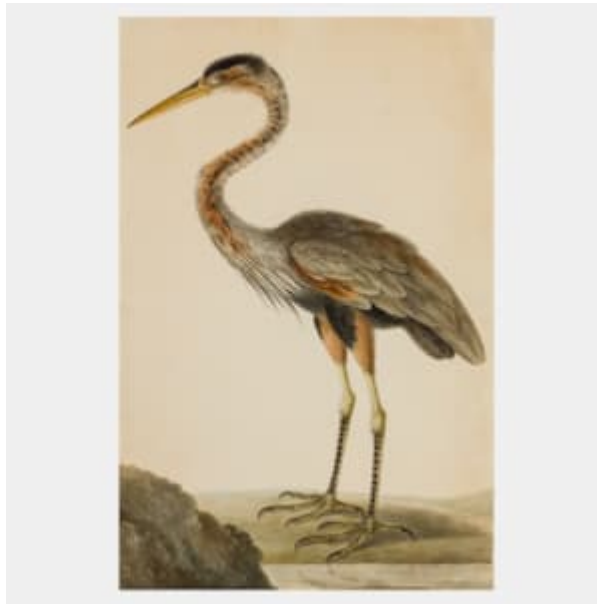


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## **Company School Painting of a Purple Heron**

India, First half of the 19th century

Watercolour on European paper

49.5cm high, 31.5cm wide

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The purple heron (*Ardea purpurea*) is a wide-ranging heron, found across much of Africa, Asia, and Europe. This bird is also illustrated in the Wellesley album, painted by the Indian artist Gurudayal in Barrackpore, near Calcutta (see British Library [NHD2/2766](#)) in c. 1805.