

Cranes vs Herons: What's the difference?

Cranes



Fly with neck
outstretched

Bare, red head (crown)

Loud, rattling bugle call

Monogamous (mates for life)

Nests on the ground, solitary

Lay 1-2 eggs

Parents take chick to food

Long subadult period, 3-8 years

Unable to perch in trees



Hérons



Fly with
recurved neck

Fully feathered head

Croak call

Changes mates

Nests in trees, colonial nesting

Lay 4-7 eggs

Parents take food to chick

Breeds at 1-2 years

Often found perching in trees

