

The bittern is a shy bird.

It likes lonely places.

The bittern has a short, thick

neck. It has a mixture of black

and brown feathers.

The bittern often sits with its

head and neck held straight up. Then

the bird looks just like the reeds

in the pond.

The Bible sometimes says that

a bittern lives in a certain place.

This means that this place is empty.

This city is probably in ruins. The

houses are empty. The walls are

broken down.

