

Annual Midwest Crane Count Data Sheet

Date:	Time: Start:	Finish:	County:	State:		
# of Observers:		Please list names and addresses of ALL observers. Use additional sheets if needed. An email address is required for receiving the count results.				
Name:		Name:		Name:		
Address:		Address:		Address:		
City/St/Zip:		City/St/Zip:		City/St/Zip:		
Phone#:		Phone#:		Phone#:		
Email:		Email:		Email:		
Site # – If unknown enter nearest cross streets or latitude/longitude under Comments	Total number of Sandhill Cranes observed or heard <small>This requires your judgement since you may hear or see the same crane repeatedly.</small>	Breeding Behaviors <small>Check if you observed or heard any of these four behaviors</small>				Please note: 1. To help conserve paper, you may enter up to four sites per data sheet. If you need additional data sheets, go to www.cranecount.org to print more sheets or ask your County Coordinator. 2. DO NOT include multiple sightings of the same bird in the total number of cranes! 3. Did you see a BANDED Sandhill or Whooping Crane? Please report your sighting on the back of this sheet. Comments
		ON Confirmed - Occupied Nest	NE Confirmed - Nest with Eggs	NB Confirmed/Probable - Nest Building	C Probable Courtship, Display, or Copulation <small>(check this behavior if you heard any unison calls)</small>	
	5				x	Example: two pairs of Sandhills unison calling
List other birds that you observed or heard at your Crane Count site(s):						
Site #:						
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Entering your data: After the count, the next step is to enter your data on our website at www.cranecount.org. Some County Coordinators also may prefer to enter all of their county data. If your coordinator requests to do this, simply hand in your data sheet to them after the count.



Crane Count 101:

The long outstretched neck and trailing legs of a crane in flight are unmistakable, but most misidentifications occur during flight observations. Great blue herons and egrets, similar looking birds, fly with their necks tucked in an "S" shape (bottom illustration) and have heavy labored wingbeats, unlike the more rapid wingbeats of cranes.

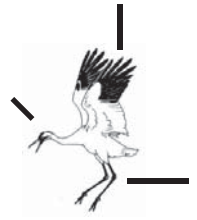


Crane Count Etiquette:

- Please remain at least 600 feet away from any cranes you observe. If you are in a vehicle, please remain there.
- Please remain concealed and speak quietly so that the birds will not hear you.
- Please remain on public rights of way unless you have permission from landowners to go onto private land.

Whooping Crane field marks:

- Five foot tall white bird
- Red patch on forehead
- Black wing tips visible in flight
- Blackish legs
- Will have leg bands

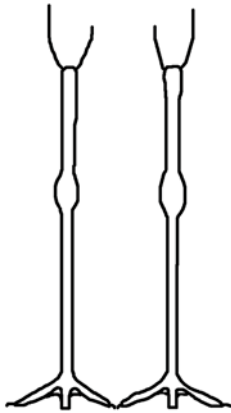


Learn more:

To learn more about Sandhill and Whooping Cranes, visit www.savingcranes.org.

Report a Banded Crane:

Please use this space to document any sightings of banded Sandhill or Whooping Cranes. The greater the band detail you can provide, the better the chance that the individual bird can be identified by its bands. For information on banded cranes and to report your sightings online, visit www.bandedcranes.org.



Bird's Left Leg Bird's Right Leg

- Sandhill Crane
 Whooping Crane

County/State:

Site #:

Return this Data Sheet to your County Coordinator:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

Draw and label bands on the legs as you see them.
Make note of • Band Colors • Band Size (1, 2 or 3 inch)
• Numbers on Bands • Radio



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