

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. 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 (check this behavior if you heard any unison calls)	
	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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Please remember your Crane Count Etiquette:

- Please give cranes the respect and distance they need and do not approach birds on foot within 200 yards. If you are in a vehicle, remain in your vehicle and do not approach any closer than 100 yards.
- Please remain concealed and do not speak loudly enough that the birds can hear you.
- Finally, do not trespass on private property in an attempt to view or count cranes. Thank you!



Crane Count 101:

Your county coordinator will assign you a survey site prior to the count day. We recommend that you visit your survey site before the day of the count to identify a safe place to park your car. If your survey site is on private property, please contact the landowner prior to the count if you plan on entering the site on foot.

On the morning of the count, try to arrive a few minutes early to make sure you are in place before the survey begins. Bring some extra paper if you'd like to take notes separately that you can summarize on your data sheet. Don't forget to bring warm clothes, binoculars and a warm beverage!

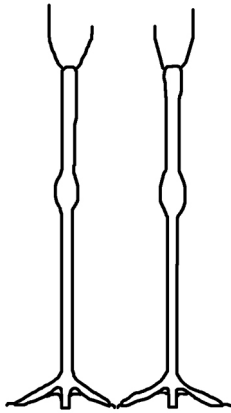
To the best of your ability, determine by sight and sound the number of cranes in your survey area. A single crane calling indicates a minimum of one bird. A pair of cranes duetting, called a unison call, indicates a minimum of two cranes. Tallying the total number of cranes requires some judgment, as birds may move around during your survey.

You may also record any possible breeding behaviors, including an occupied nest, nest building activity or courtship display (including a unison call). The full list of these behaviors is on this data sheet.

After the count, the next step is to enter your data on our website at www.cranecount.org. Some county coordinators 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.

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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