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In Search of Crane Counters!

Love cranes sunrises and fresh air? Then we've got a great volunteering opportunity for you!

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m., the International Crane Foundation will sponsor the 46th Annual Midwest Crane Count. Over 1,600 volunteer participants from throughout Wisconsin and portions of Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Minnesota participate in the spring survey, which gathers information on the abundance and distribution of cranes in the upper Midwest.

New volunteers interested in taking part in the survey should first contact their local County Coordinator for instructions. Visit www.cranecount.org for the list of 2022 County Coordinators.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we recommend crane count volunteers wear a mask outside when within six feet of other participants from different households. Participants should also avoid carpooling with others from outside their household and counting in large groups to limit exposure to COVID-19.

The International Crane Foundation sponsors the Annual Midwest Crane Count as a part of its mission to conserve the world's 15 species of cranes and the natural communities on which they depend. Sandhill Cranes once nearly disappeared from Wisconsin, but the species has successfully recovered and is slowly expanding into neighboring states. Observations of Sandhill Cranes can lend insight into threatened crane species, including the endangered Whooping Crane. There are now approximately 80 Whooping Cranes in the reintroduced population in central Wisconsin, and Crane Counters may have a chance of sighting a Whooping Crane during the survey.

For more information on the Annual Midwest Crane Count: Visit www.cranecount.org and contact your county coordinator, or contact Sara Gavney Moore, International Crane Foundation Digital Communications Program Manager, at 608-356-9462 ext. 155, cranecount@savingcranes.org.