



Eastern Population Sandhill Crane Data Entry Portal

US Fish & Wildlife Service

Welcome

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fall survey for Eastern Population Sandhill Crane was established in 1979. It is implemented by state and federal agencies and public volunteers from 8 states in the Atlantic and Mississippi Flyways as well as the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Canada. Sandhill Cranes are widely dispersed during the breeding and wintering seasons and are difficult to count. The optimal time to survey cranes is during the last week of October when the majority of Eastern Population cranes breeding in Canada migrate to traditional staging grounds in the Great Lake states (e.g. Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area, Medaryville, Indiana). Since the initial survey in 1979, crane numbers have increased to over 90,000 birds! This survey is used to inform managers of changes in Sandhill Crane distribution and population trends.

We are asking for your assistance!! This website was designed for the ease of entering and viewing the results of the data entries. Please [register](#) for more information about how **YOU** can participate in the survey.



PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: WE ARE COLLECTING THIS INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT (44 U.S.C. 3501) TO MONITOR POPULATION TRENDS FOR EASTERN POPULATION SANDHILL CRANES. YOUR RESPONSE IS VOLUNTARY AND WE WILL NOT SHARE YOUR RESPONSE PUBLICLY. WE MAY NOT CONDUCT OR SPONSOR AND YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO A COLLECTION OF INFORMATION UNLESS IT DISPLAYS A CURRENTLY VALID OMB CONTROL NUMBER. OMB HAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS FOCUS GROUP AND ASSIGNED OMB CONTROL NUMBER 1018-0185.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT: WE ESTIMATE IT WILL TAKE 3 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE ACCOUNT REGISTRATION AND 5 MINUTES TO ENTER DATA, INCLUDING TIME TO READ INSTRUCTIONS AND GATHER INFORMATION. YOU MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS ON ANY ASPECT OF THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION TO THE SERVICE INFORMATION COLLECTION CLEARANCE OFFICER, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, 5275 LEESBURG PIKE, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041-3803, OR VIA EMAIL AT INFO_COLL@FWS.GOV.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: AUTHORITY: THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT, 16 U.S.C. § 703-712.

PURPOSE: FWS WILL USE THIS INFORMATION TO REGISTER YOU AS A PARTICIPANT IN A MIGRATORY BIRD POPULATION SURVEY. **ROUTINE USES:** THIS INFORMATION MAY BE SHARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 AND THE ROUTINE USES IDENTIFIED IN SYSTEM OF RECORDS NOTICE INTERIOR/FWS-26, MIGRATORY BIRD POPULATION AND HARVEST SYSTEMS. **DISCLOSURE:** FURNISHING THIS INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY; HOWEVER, FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION MAY PREVENT YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.



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Create new account

Email address

A valid email address. All emails from the system will be sent to this address. The email address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by email.

Username

Several special characters are allowed, including space, period (.), hyphen (-), apostrophe ('), underscore (_), and the @ sign.

Password

Password strength: Strong

Confirm password

Passwords match: **yes**

Recommendations to make your password stronger:

- Add punctuation

Provide a password for the new account in both fields.

Picture

 No file chosen

Your virtual face or picture.

One file only.

2 MB limit.

Allowed types: png gif jpg jpeg.

Personal contact form

Allow other users to contact you via a personal contact form which keeps your email address hidden. Note that some privileged users such as site administrators are still able to contact you even if you choose to disable this feature.

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Start Date

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Enter your Eastern Population Sandhill Crane Data Entry Portal username.

Password

Enter the password that accompanies your username.

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Create Observation

Please make one observation at a time and **enter** all information marked with an *

To Enter a Survey Location:

1. Find your observation location on the map by placing your cursor over the map, and zooming/panning to your observation location; or by entering the nearest town in the search box and panning to the observation location.
 2. Place a marker at the exact location that cranes were observed by clicking on the map. Please **do not** place a marker where you stood or where your vehicle was located at the time of the observation. Don't worry if you accidentally place the marker on the wrong spot. Simply click to move the observation marker to the correct location.
- Example:** If cranes were observed leaving or arriving at the roost, your marker should be placed as close to the roost as possible. If cranes were observed in a field, place the marker as close as possible to where the majority of birds were foraging. If cranes are spread throughout the field, simply place the marker in the center of the field. Use the satellite icon to make roosts or fields easier to identify.
3. If any location you observed had "**zero cranes**" please enter that information by placing a "o" in the "Number of Cranes" category. This information helps us determine annual crane distribution.
 4. **Save** your current observation before you continue with additional observations.

Location

Date & Time

Number of Cranes

Method

- Ground count
- Point count

Habitat

- Agricultural field
- Sandbar
- Wetland
- Mixed-Wetland Agricultural field

Notes

Save