

Sandhill Crane

Scientific name: *Grus canadensis*



Facts:

Height	Up to 5'
Wingspan	Up to 6.5'
Weight	8 - 14 lbs. (Males are larger)
Lifestyle	Monogamous (breeds with one mate)
Lifespan	Wild: 20 years Captivity: 35 years



Diet: Omnivore

Grain, berries, seeds, insects, worms, mice, small birds, snakes, lizards, and frogs.

Behavior:

Courtship consists of dancing, which includes jumping, running, and wing flapping. Sandhill crane nests are built by both mates with grass, moss, and sticks. Females lay two eggs. Both male and female incubate the eggs for 32 days.

Habitat:

Freshwater marshes, prairies, and pastures

Range:

Migratory subspecies (Lesser, Greater, Canadian): northern US and Canada; wintering in southern US and Mexico.

Non-migratory subspecies (Mississippi, Cuban, Florida): southern US and Cuba.

Did you know?

When migrating, Sandhill cranes average 150 to 400 miles a day



Non migratory