

Sandhill Crane

Grus canadensis



Range: Canada, U.S. and Cuba

Size: ♂:80-120 cm (36-60 in)

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Weight :♂: 3- 6.5kg (6.5- 14 lbs)

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Wing: ♂: 153 cm (60 in)

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Habitat: freshwater marshes

Incubation: 28-32 days

Eggs: 2

Fledge: 9 weeks

Sexual maturity: 24 months

Nest: circular on ground

Social: gregarious in wintering grounds flocks up to 10,000

Breeding: monogamous

Movement: migratory

Food: Grass seeds insects

IUCN: least concern

Subspecies : 6

Longevity: captive: 30 yrs Wild:

Order: Gruiformes Family: Gruidae

There are six subspecies of Sandhill Crane with five from North America and one living in Cuba. This is a migratory species which breed in Canada and the northern U.S. and wintering in Texas and the southwest U.S. There is a non-migratory population living on the Gulf Coast and the state of Florida. Two of the subspecies are listed as Endangered by USFW ESA: the Mississippi and the Cuban Sandhill Cranes. Habitat destruction and killing by shooting or poison are the major threats.