

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 Ontario, 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.



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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: WE ARE COLLECTING THIS INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT (44 U.S.C. 3504) 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 FORM GROUP AND ASSIGNED OMB CONTROL NUMBER 1080-0188.

ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT: WE ESTIMATE IT WILL TAKE 5 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THIS SURVEY, INCLUDING TIME TO READ INSTRUCTIONS AND GATHER INFORMATION. YOU MAY REMOVE COMMENTS ON ANY ASPECT OF THIS INFORMATION COLLECTION TO THE SERVICE INFORMATION COLLECTION CLEARANCE OFFICER, U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, 2475 LEEBURG PIKE, MS. AMAD-PRMA-PFB, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041-3803, OR VIA EMAIL AT INFO_COLLECTION@FWS.GOV.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: AUTHORITY: THE MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT, 16 U.S.C. 1 703-714. **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.