

# 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.