

The Sandhill Crane's trumpeting call can be heard for many miles.



Florida Sandhill Crane:

Grus canadensis pratensis

Habitat: Inland shallow freshwater marshes, prairies, pastures and farmlands of Florida. They can be found from the Everglades to the Okefenokee Swamp.

Population: Estimated at 4,000-5,000 Florida Sandhill Cranes.

Age: Up to 20 years.

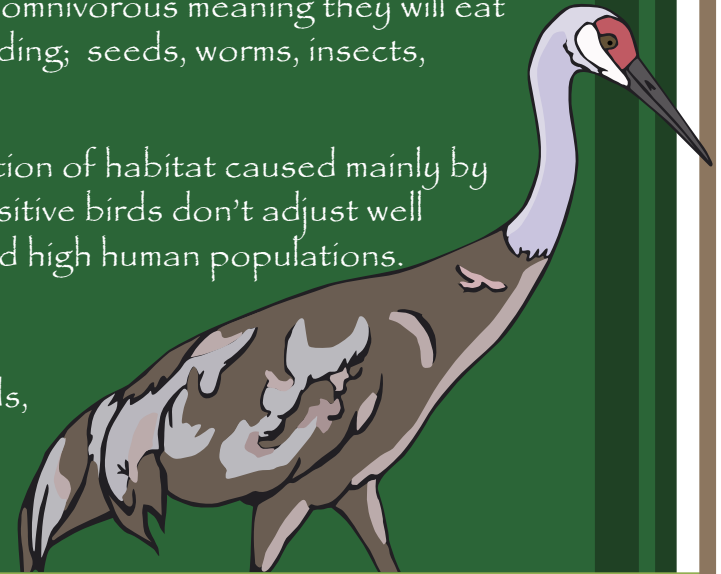
Home Range: Florida Sandhill Cranes are non-migratory and live in Florida year-round.

Diet: Sandhill Cranes are omnivorous meaning they will eat plant and animal matter including; seeds, worms, insects, lizards, crayfish and mice.

Threats: Loss or deterioration of habitat caused mainly by land development; these sensitive birds don't adjust well to environmental changes and high human populations.

FL Status: Threatened

FL Law: The taking of birds, nest, or eggs is prohibited. It is also illegal to feed Sandhill Cranes.



Threatened Species:

A threatened species is likely to become endangered in the future if preventive measures are not taken. By protecting a species at this critical point, endangerment and extinction are more easily avoided.

Threatened and Endangered Species receive protection under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

All cranes participate in a dancing ritual, which can include jumping, running, stick tossing, wing flapping, and bowing. Dancing is considered normal activity and may help relieve stress and aggression, or increase the strength of the bond between a pair.

The Florida Sandhill Crane is a subspecies of the North American Sandhill Crane. These birds are non-migratory, spending their entire lives in Florida. As omnivores their diet includes both plants and meat, usually from insects and small mammals.

These monogamous birds breed for life and raise their young together. With as few as 4,000 wild cranes left, this threatened Florida native needs protection to remain one of our unique and treasured species for years to come.



All Photos Taken of Wild Sandhill Cranes at the Lake Hart Property, one of Orange County's Green PLACE Properties.



Green PLACE is an initiative started in 2002 by Mayor Crotty designed to preserve Orange County's natural resources and wildlife for current and future generations. Part of the program's goal is to purchase environmentally sensitive lands including lands essential to ensuring the health of our native wildlife.

Orange County
Environmental Protection Division
800 Mercy Dr. Suite 4
Orlando FL 32808
Telephone: (407)836-1400
Fax: (407)836-1499
www.ocfl.net/epd



**"Serving Our Community by
Protecting the Environment
through Education,
Participation and
Conservation."**



 Printed on Recycled Paper with Soy Inks

Green PLACE Nature Series Presents:

Florida Sandhill Crane:

A Threatened Species living in Orange County

