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WHOOPING CRANE REPORT The Grand Island office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service reported three confirmed sightings of Whooping Cranes in Nebraska in the spring of 1990, seven probable and 14 unconfirmed sightings. Confirmed sightings are:

Three adults, Buffalo Co., 14-15 April, .5 mi. e. of N 10 bridge, Platte River. T8N, R14W, S18.


One adult, Cherry Co., 9-10 May, 26 mi. s. and 16 w. of Valentine, Lone Tree Lake. T29N, R30W, S8, S ½.

Probable sightings are:

Four adults, Kearney Co., 4 April, 4-5 mi. w. of Kearney bridge on Platte River Road.

Eight adults, Lincoln Co., 7 April, nw. of Hershey on Birdwood Creek. T15N, R33W, S27.

Ten to twelve adults, Howard Co., 14 April, North Loup River, 1-1.5 mi. downstream from US 281 bridge. T15N, R10W, S14 or 23.

Three adults, Hall Co., 15 April, 1 mi. w. of Grand Island power plant. T10N, R9W, S8, E ½.


One adult, Dawson Co., 21 April, few mi. e. of Cozard, n. of I-80. Flying.

One adult, Kearney Co., 30 April, 3 mi. e. of N44, along Ft. Kearney Road.

Unconfirmed sightings are:

Two adults, Hall Co., 4 March, Crane Meadows on Mormon Island.

Four adults, Merrick Co., 9 March, 1 mi. e. and 3 n. of Phillips, over Platte River. Flying.

Thirty adults, Hall Co., 10 March, 3 mi. w. of Doniphan.

One adult, Buffalo Co., 13 March, 2.5 mi. w. of Gibbon I-80 interchange.

Four adults, Lincoln Co., 21 March, flying over North Platte.
One adult, Buffalo Co., 22 March, near Elm Creek I-80 interchange. Five adults, Hall Co., 1 April, 1 mi. e. of Alda bridge. Flying. Two adults, Hall Co., 6 April, 2 mi. n. and 1.5 e. of Doniphan. Flying. Twelve to fourteen adults, Buffalo Co., 8 April, near Shelton I-80 exit. Flying. Twelve adults, Dawson Co., 9 April, 2 mi. e. of Gothenburg. Flying. Eight adults, Howard Co., 14 April, 1.5 mi. nw. of Boelus. Flying. Eight adults, Custer Co., 14 April, flying over Ansley. Two adults, Buffalo Co., 15 April, 2 mi. e. of N 10 along I-80. Five adults, Hall Co., 15 May, flying over Grand Island. Confirmed, probable and unconfirmed sightings are defined in NBR 56:79.