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Sandhill cranes are a kind of wild bird. You can find them in wetlands, tidal flats, and grasslands.



Adult sandhill cranes have a vibrant red patch, a long neck, and a dark bill. They have long, thin legs and stand quite tall.



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Sandhill cranes live on mixed plants and a host of insects, frogs, and small rodents.



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Most sandhill cranes do not like the cold. They migrate in flocks when it turns cold in the fall. When it gets mild in the spring, they fly back.



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Sandhill cranes dance to attract a mate. They jump up, flap, and twirl as part of the dance. This dance helps mates to bond. It also helps fend off rivals.



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A sandhill crane has a bold, trumpet-like call. This call travels a long distance, helping a crane locate its flock and its mate.

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In the spring, sandhill crane chicks hatch. Before long, the chicks can swim, but they still can't survive by themselves. Adults take care of the chicks by finding them insects and grubs.

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Have you spotted
a sandhill crane?

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