



The Prairie Pulse



Brice Krohn

A Note From the President

Dear Friends,

I want to thank all of you for being part of this great organization and helping us embrace the upcoming wildlife phenomena. There are visible reminders that we are fast approaching the Spring migration in the heart of the Central Flyway! We will soon be welcoming millions of different migratory birds as they rest, refuel, and find mates over the next six to eight weeks before they fly north on their way to breeding and nesting habitats to rear the next generation of our avian friends. The palette of colors viewed throughout the central Platte River valley, Nebraska, is simply amazing. The wide channels of water intertwine and reflect with the open sky, bringing brilliance to the largest migration of cranes in the world. Our River Cam has witnessed overwintering Sandhill Cranes, and the numbers of new cranes have grown considerably with each day of warm temperatures and southerly winds. Make sure you join our membership program to have 24-hour access to sweeping views of the Platte River and to witness the migration.

Our team has been working diligently to prepare for the spring migration, and we look forward to welcoming visitors back, in person and virtually, to the Crane Trust. Booking spots are still available in our public and our footbridge tours. Please go to cranetrust.org to reserve your spot. Reservations are limited and filling up quickly.

We recently completed our first crane count of the season, led by Director of Conservation Research Andy Caven. Andy counted 27,425± 645 cranes in the Central Platte River Valley - a nearly record number this early in the spring migration season. You can read Andy's full assessment [HERE](#).

We are looking forward to unveiling our updated video presentations, including a new short video on "Counting Cranes." This video, which features state-of-the-art video and audio and production in collaboration with the Platte Basin Timelapse team, details why and how the counting of cranes underlines our mission of protecting critical habitat for all users throughout the central Platte River valley and beyond.

Thank you to our many donors, members, friends, volunteers, and staff. Your generosity ensures we can preserve this spectacular migration for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Brice Krohn
President



Welcome to the Nature and Visitor Center!

The Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center is here to answer all of your questions about the Spring Sandhill Crane Migration. Stop by 9325 S Alda Road, I-80, exit 305 to visit our gift shop, grab something to eat at the snack bar, peruse the art gallery, and sign-up for guided crane viewing tours. Our staff and volunteers are eager to welcome you as we celebrate this year's spectacular migration.

As a reminder, the trails at the Nature & Visitor Center have limited hours during the Spring migration season in order to not disturb roosting cranes.

We have finalized our 2022 March Wild About Nebraska Speaker Series. Click the button below for more information. Events begin March 5, 2022.

2022 Speaker Series



Become a Member for Exclusive Access!

Want a front-row seat to the Sandhill and Whooping Crane migration this spring? The Crane Trust has you covered! Become a member today and you will get full access to our Virtual Crane Cam! Through your membership, you help us to make a difference in habitat protection, habitat restoration, and outreach efforts to spread our mission to the community!

Become a Member

We Love Our Volunteers!

The Crane Trust is lucky to have an amazing group of hardworking and dedicated volunteers. We could not achieve everything we do without them!

Are you interested in volunteering at the Crane Trust? Click [HERE](#) to learn more about volunteer opportunities.



Our Featured Artists

Our Hornady Art Gallery showcases beautiful work by regional artists and photographers with Nebraska ties and subject materials. These artists and photographers have truly captured Nebraska and the cranes in their work and we appreciate their efforts in supporting the Crane Trust and our mission. We invite you to stop by this March to view their amazing work! To learn more about the artists, click [HERE](#).



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