



Hooded Crane (*Grus monacha*)

Size: Body length, approx. 100 cm; wingspan, 160 - 180 cm **Weight:** 3.3 - 4.9 kg **Habitat:** Grasslands, open wetlands and agricultural areas; breeds in forest wetlands and bogs **Surviving number:** Estimated at 11,600



Photographed by Neil Bowman

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Wanted: A little peace and quiet. As its habitat is relentlessly converted to agricultural use, the hooded crane has to reckon with the noise and disturbance that human activity brings. This forces the sensitive bird to spend more time in vigilance and less time searching out its usual diet of aquatic plants, berries, insects, salamanders and frogs. During breeding

season, human disturbance can even cause the crane to abandon its nest. With these challenges working against it, the crane may well be quietly disappearing.

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