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Documentation of Sandhill Crane (Grus canadensis)

Date of sighting: November 22, 1986 Time: 1:00-1:05p.m.

Location: Barrier dam, Big Creek, Polk Co. Time: 1:00-1:05

Distance from bird: approximately 350 yards

Description: First year bird. Large, long-legged bird, about four feet tall. Much taller than Canada geese it was standing with. Long neck held in an upright position. Head mostly reddish-brown and the body gray with brownish back. It was standing on the ice with gulls and Canadas for a couple minutes. It then flew with neck outstretched to the shoreline.

Optical equipment: Bushnell Spacemaster II 25x scope.

Other observer: B.J.Rose

This documentation is being written on 11/23/86 from notes taken in the field.