



BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Sandhill Crane 2. Number 1
3. Location Scott Co,
4. Date: 21 May 1989 5. Time Bird Seen: 1040 AM to 1043 AM
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):

large grey bird - 1st impression was of Great Blue until I saw the neck - held out (extended) + somewhat drooped in front.
Flight Posture 

Field Notes →

1040 SH Crane
Scott Co
Just Mary &
Carol The
Jim Hanson


7. Description of voice, if heard:
8. Description of behavior:
Flying - posture as indicate by field sketch
9. Habitat - general: It was clearly moving on
specific:
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7 & 8. Explain:
a: Great Blue Heron - posture
b: Whooping Crane - lack of white + black
11. Distance (how measured)?
est. 1/4 - 1/2 mile
12. Optical equipment:
various binoculars
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
against mostly clear sky
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
seen many Grt Blues in Iowa
+ made one trip to NEbraska to see 1000's of Sandhills
15. Other observers:
Carol Thompson John Fleckenstine
Jim Hanson Mary "
16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: None
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description:
None
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description?
Attached field notes made w-in minutes
Signature: _____ Address: _____
Date: _____ City, State: _____