

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Area Manager
Bismarck, ND

FROM : Area Manager, South Dakota-Nebraska
Pierre, SD

SUBJECT: Cooperative Whooping Crane Tracking Project

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DATE: July 13, 1976

USFWS
AREA OFFICE
BISMARCK, N.D.

Attached is a resume of whooping crane sightings reported to our office this past spring.

Thank you for your cooperation with this continuing effort to monitor the spring and fall flights of the whooping crane.

Please send copies to your field stations and State Conservation Agencies you deem appropriate in your Area.

Attachment

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COOPERATIVE WHOOPING CRANE TRACKING PROJECT

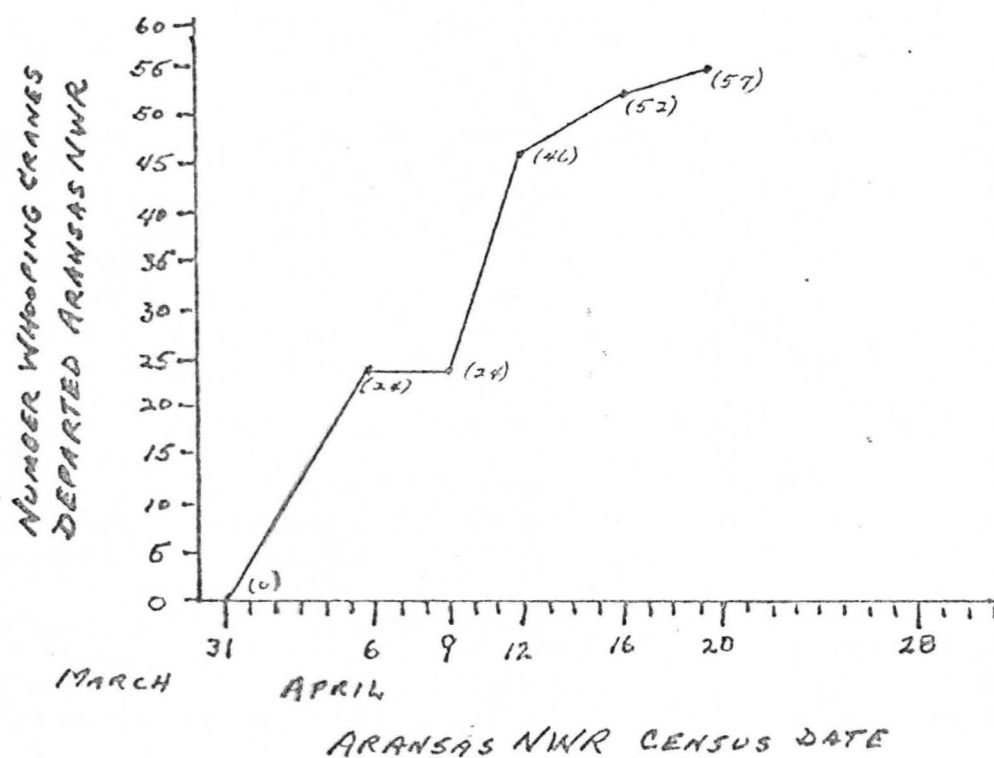
April-May, 1976

Spring and fall whooping crane migrations are now being monitored on a continuing basis. Volunteer crane sighting reports are forwarded to the Pierre, South Dakota, Area Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by private individuals, State and Federal conservation agencies, and by the Province of Saskatchewan, Canada. The operation has been successful in tracking movements between Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas and the breeding ground area in the vicinity of Wood Buffalo Park, Canada during the fall of 1975 and spring of 1976.

Whooping crane departures from Aransas NWR, sighting reports, and sighting locations on a map are included in this resume. Repeat sightings of the same birds at the same location are not included. Also, obviously questionable reports were not tabulated. All other reports are shown as received with no attempt to categorize as confirmed or unconfirmed.

Departures from Aransas NWR occurred from about April 1 through April 28. Recorded observations started on April 3 and continued through May 3. Sightings were reported from Kansas (1), Nebraska (4), South Dakota (2), North Dakota (7), Saskatchewan, Canada (18), and Manitoba, Canada (1). A total of 33 separate sightings were reported.

Thanks to the many cooperators, including those that looked and did not see.



CHRONOLOGICAL DEPARTURES FROM ARANSAS NWR, TEXAS,
SPRING, 1976.

SPRING 1976 WHOOPING CRANE TRACKING PLOT REPORTS*

Date	Kansas	Nebraska	South Dakota	North Dakota	Sask., CA	Manitoba
4-03			3			
4-04		2				
4-06					2	
4-07					2	
4-08					1,2	
4-09						8
4-10				14,2	5	
4-11		7			1	
4-12					8,2	
4-13		7				
4-14					3	
4-15					3,2	
4-16						
4-17					2	
4-18	1					
4-19				3		
4-20						
4-21				2	2	
4-22				8	5	
4-23				2,5	3,1,1	
4-25			10			
4-26		6				
4-28						
5-03					2	

Total Whoopers Reported Observed

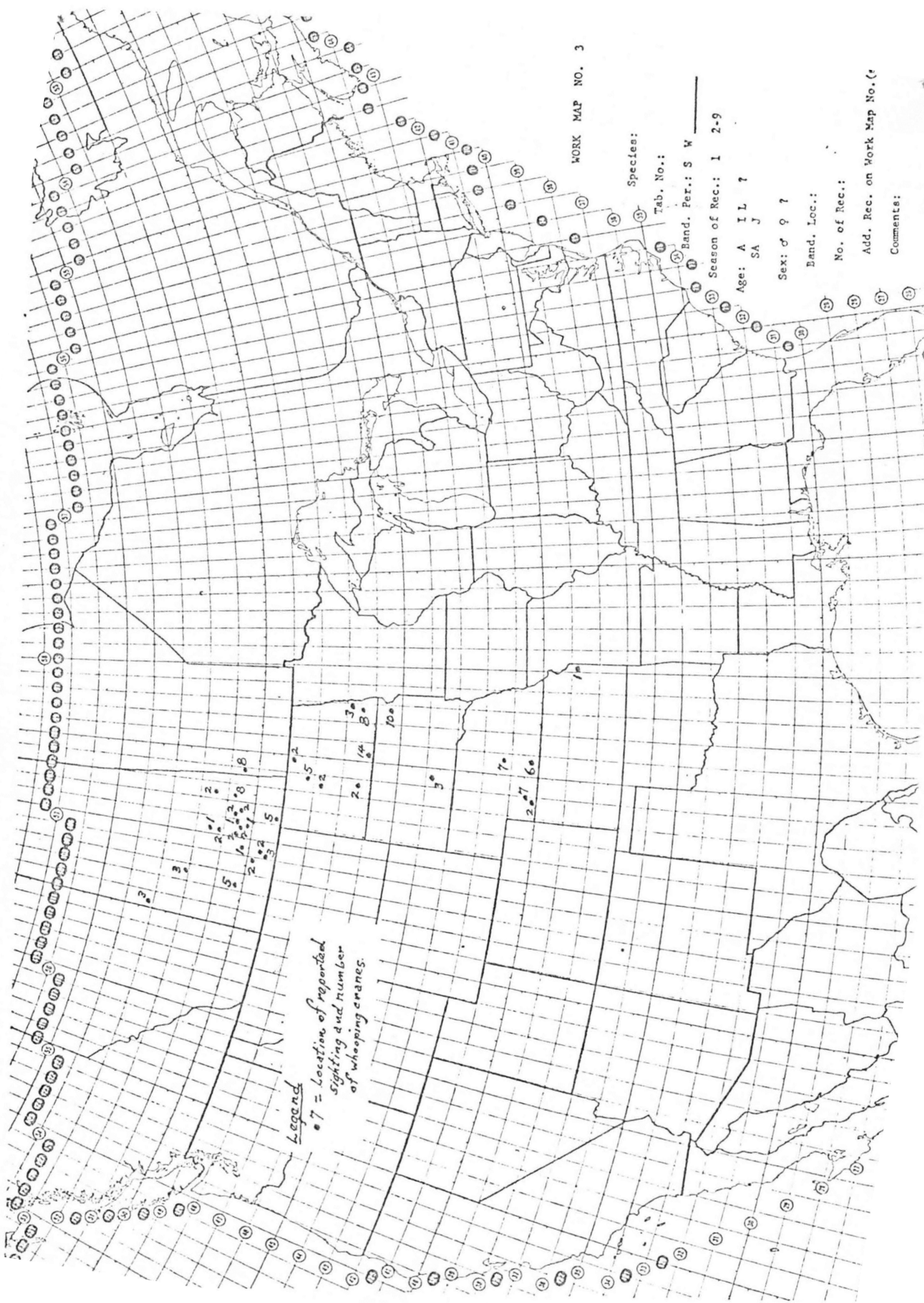
1	22	13	36	47	8
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Total Reported Sightings

1	4	2	7	18	1 (Total 33)
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*Each report represented by number of whooping cranes observed.

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Legend
● = Location of reported
sighting and number
of whooping cranes.

WORK MAP NO. 3

Species:

Tab. No.:

Band. Per.: S W

Season of Rec.: 1 2-9

Age: A I L ?

SA J

Sex: ♂ ♀ ?

Band. Loc.:

No. of Rec.:

Add. Rec. on Work Map No. 4

Comments: