

# The Way of the Crane



China has long been inspired by Cranes as they represent:

- Peace
- Love
- Honour
- Devotion
- Longevity



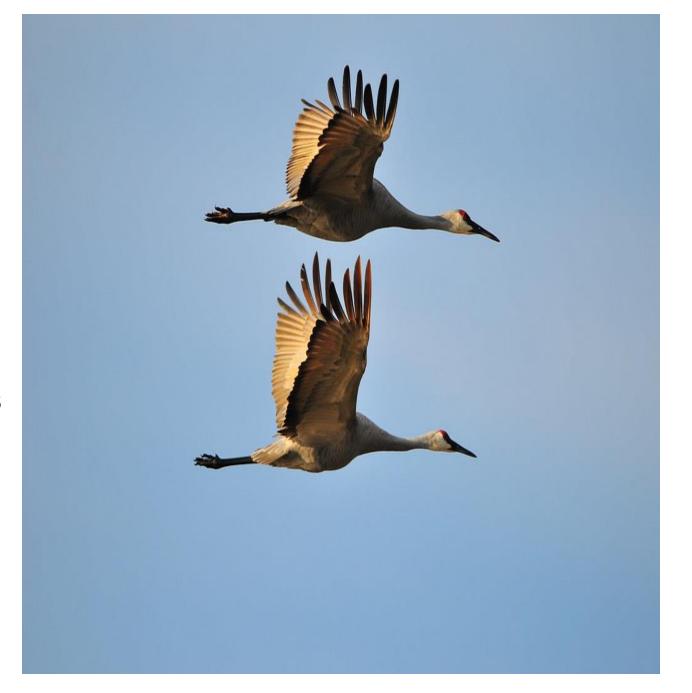


#### The Perfect Match

- Cranes are monogamous and mate for life once they find their "significant other"
- This happens from the ages of 2-7 years old
- Cranes live from 20-40+ years depending on the species



Cranes that play together stay together. During migration, flocks can be as large as 10,000 Cranes!



# Family Life

- Both parents raise their young, but often the male feeds the young first
- Most clutches contain 2 eggs



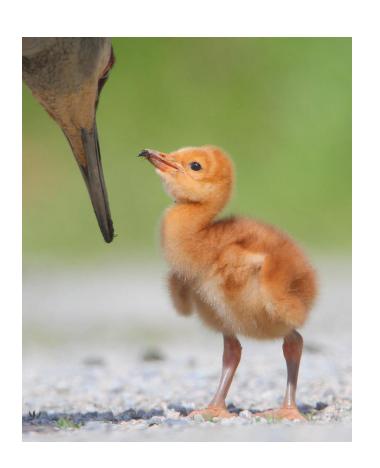
# Standing On One Leg!

- A chic learning to "Stand on One Leg" from a parent
- Tucking in one leg helps cranes stay warm during times of cold
- It is also a resting and roosting position





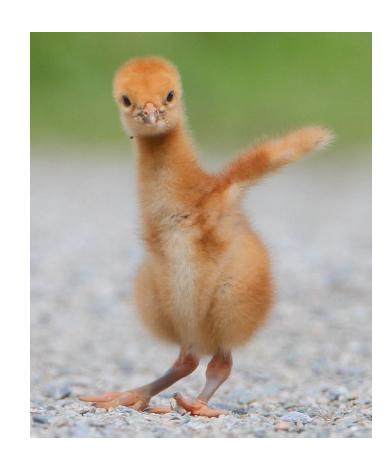
# Learning to Fly!



A chic testing out its downy wings at 2-3 months.

Their plumage feathers will begin to form, and they will be able to find food on their own.

They stay with their parents until about 10-12 months when they can fend for themselves.

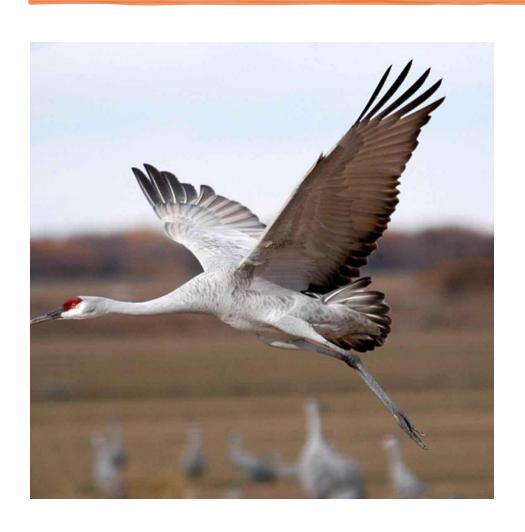


#### Crane Diet

Cranes are omnivorous and eat worms, insects, fruits and berries, seeds, small mammals, reptiles, and amphibians.



# Interesting Crane Facts



- Wingspan: 71" 94" (approx. 6- 8 feet)
- Flight Speed: 25 35 mph
- Miles Flown Per Day: 200 300 miles per day and up to 500 miles with a good tailwind!
- Altitude: 6000-7000 feet, can go up to 13,000 feet, except for the Demoiselle Crane which flies at 26,000 feet to cross the Himalayas to India
- Species: 15 different ones, with some near extinct

## Crane ~ Qualities

- Strength
- Balance
- Poise
- Elegance
- Grandeur
- Birds Eye View



### Crane ~ TCM

• Yin Organ: Lungs

Yang Organ: Large Intenstine

Element: Metal

Sense Organ: Nose

Tissues Governed: Skin & Body Hair

 Emotion (Negative): Sadness ~ can transform to

 Emotion (Positive): Release of Grief resulting in Inner Peace

• Colour: White

Season: Fall



