



## Whooping Crane “Stopover Ponds/Wetlands”

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Whooping Cranes are an endangered species. They need your help. These amazing birds migrate 2,500 miles two times each year between their Canadian nesting grounds and their winter habitat on the Texas coast. During their long migrations they must stop to rest about 10 to 15 times. Mostly they stopover on small ponds/wetlands on private farms just to rest overnight. Over the years many thousands of stopover areas have been destroyed for other needs. If you own land, would you share a small amount with Whooping Cranes? Whooping Cranes and other wildlife need small ponds/wetlands with the following features.

### Features of Whooping Crane stopover ponds/wetlands include:

- Small ponds/wetlands from 0.3 to 14 acres in size
- Ponds/wetlands with some shallow areas 5 to 10 inches deep for roosting area
- Ponds/wetlands with gradual or gentle slopes into water
- Little or no emergent/submerged vegetation at roost area
- Extensive horizontal visibility from roost site
- 300 or more yards from human development or disturbance

