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## REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

*Colored-marked Sandhill Cranes.*—During summers of 1975 through 1977, researchers at Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Range on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Alaska, banded and color-marked Lesser Sandhill Cranes. In July and August of each year, chicks were marked with black-numbered yellow collars and leg bands as well as standard Fish and Wildlife Service aluminum bands. To date, 10 resightings have been reported, yielding valuable information on migration routes and wintering areas. More information is needed on timing and pathways of migration, however. Observers are asked to report the date and location of sightings, size of the flocks with which marked birds were seen, whether color bands were on the birds' right or left legs and, if possible, the numbers on the collars and leg bands. Report sightings to Cheryl Boise, Wildlife Research Unit, Irving Building, Univ. of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99701.

*Sightings of Sandhill Cranes in northwestern Ontario.*—The Greater Sandhill Crane breeds throughout the Great Lakes states and parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba. However, in northwestern Ontario (area south of 51° latitude and west of Sault Ste. Marie) they are considered rare transients. Over the past decade, cranes believed to be Greater Sandhills have been sighted with increasing frequency throughout this area. Occurrences of immatures in the last year suggest that there is a population of Greater Sandhills breeding in N.W. Ontario. Information from sightings will be used to estimate the population distribution and to determine an area for an intensive study of biology, migration, and taxonomic verification. Please include date, location, and number of birds. Dr. C. D. Ankney, Department of Zoology, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, N6A 5B7.