

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

x Unusual Species Unusual Date Unusual Habitat

1. **MOST IMPORTANT:** On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

2. **Count Area:** Silver City CBC circle

3. **Species** - *Grus Canadensis*, Sandhill Crane **Age:** **Sex:** **Number:** 10

4. **Date (s) of Observation:** Dec 19, 2015 **Time:** mid-morning

5. **Place:**

Nearest Town: Tyrone **County:** Grant County

6. **Observer:** Wendy Shaul

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7. **Observation Details:**

Other Observers:

Optics Used: none

Distance From Bird: overhead - maybe 200'

Viewing Conditions: Clear and

unobstructed

Weather, sky cover: Partly Cloudy, calm winds

Photo Taken? NO **Video?** NO **Sound Recording?** NO **Specimen?** NO

8. **Past Experience: With this or similar species?** Yes, I lived in the Sacramento Valley of California, near wintering grounds for sandhill cranes.

9. **References or Advice Consulted:** none

10. **Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory?** memory

Signature  Date 12/30/15

Description: (use additional pages as needed) I was out with my dog on a walk in oak woodland/grazing range, near my home. She saw or heard them first and as I looked up to see what she was watching, the cranes flew directly overhead. I have seen sandhills from here on other occasions.

Sandhill cranes are regular visitors to areas to the north of Silver City. They are, on occasion, seen flying over Silver City and surrounding areas; unfortunately they haven't shown up on past count day or week.