The annual Spring migration of the whooping crane begins about the first weak of March. Did you know that the whooping crane is the tallest bird in north America. It's call can be herd from two miles away. Of the 15 species of cranes, 11 of them is in danger of becoming extinct. Crane feathers are maid of the same material as human fingernails' and require much preening. Some cranes paint their feather's with mud during breeding!