



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## *Aransas National Wildlife Refuge*

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### **Whooping Crane Update –April 26, 2012 Final Report of the 2011-12 Season**

#### Reports:

The refuge is still waiting on the final report on the second carcass (recovered January 18). Because this will be the last Whooping Crane Update of the season, that information will be made available at a later date as appropriate.

#### Surveys:

Refuge staff have not detected any whooping cranes on the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge for more than week and it is believed that the birds are in full migration mode. They are arriving at Wood Buffalo National Park in the Northwest Territories of Canada where they nest exclusively. We continue to download data from the radio-marked birds, as well as receive information from actual sightings.

#### Helpful Information:

**The refuge will issue a final ‘State of the Cranes’ report summarizing the significant events that occurred during the 2011-12 whooping crane season.**

Whooping Crane Draft Revised International Recovery Plan (2006):

<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/refuges/texas/aransas/pdf/WHCR%20RP%20Final%207-21-2006.pdf>

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