

Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition presents a

# FIRST CRANE SIGHTING OF THE SEASON CONTEST



## HELP THE YAMPA VALLEY CRANE FESTIVAL WELCOME HOME THE SANDHILL CRANES!

*Gerhard Assenmacher*

The return migration of the Sandhill Cranes has begun.

Cranes are leaving their wintering homes in New Mexico and Arizona and heading north. Many will stop to rest for a short time in the San Luis Valley at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. Some may make a brief stop in the Eckert/Delta area south of Grand Junction.

We can expect the first arrivals here in the Yampa Valley sometime during the first or second week of March.

**Spot the Yampa Valley's first crane! Send us your photo to win!**

Document your sighting of the first Sandhill Crane spotted in the Yampa Valley.

Email it to [coloradocranes@gmail.com](mailto:coloradocranes@gmail.com) or snail mail it to CCCC headquarters at 40625 County Road 69A, Hayden, CO 81639. Include your name, plus the date, time and location of the sighting.

A fabulous prize will be awarded to the individual with the photo of the earliest sighting. At the end of March the winner's name and photo will be posted at [www.coloradocranes.org](http://www.coloradocranes.org).

The 4th annual Yampa Valley Crane Festival is September 10-14 in Steamboat Springs and Hayden with daily crane viewings, speakers, films, crane art, workshops, family activities, school programs & more.

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