

## THE MAGIC OF CRANES

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## SYNOPSIS

Cranes are very special birds – and not just to ornithologists and nature lovers. In many countries, they are worshipped as heavenly messengers and symbols of good fortune. Throughout every age and every culture, they have inspired the human imagination, playing an important role in mythology, religion, art, and literature. It is not only their sheer size and beauty that have won these elegant birds their countless admirers. Their agile dancing, their flight formations, and their loud trumpeting calls have also fascinated humans since the dawn of time.

Carl-Albrecht von Treuenfels has devoted forty years to the study and protection of these birds. This lavishly illustrated book reflects his in-depth knowledge and intense passion for these remarkable creatures. Von Treuenfels' extraordinary photographs, taken during his countless journeys around the world over four decades, provide a magical showcase for the unique personality of cranes. In these book we can follow their day-to-day existence, see their breeding habitats, and marvel at their incredible flying abilities when, twice a year, their characteristic V-shaped flocks appear in the sky as they cross entire continents. Short and informative portraits of the fifteen existing species of cranes, a world map showing where they are found, and a list of visitor destinations accompany the main text, providing a comprehensive answer to the question: Why is it that cranes have completely mesmerised the human race for thousands of years?

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in 1938, CARL-ALBRECHT VON TREUENFELS was President of the WWF Germany for fifteen years and has written numerous books and articles on nature conservation. For over forty years, von Treuenfels has been a keen observer of cranes: as a conservationist, ornithologist, photographer, and writer. He has travelled to every country with a significant crane

population and has studied and photographed these majestic birds on five continents. He is a member of the world's leading organisations for cranes and devotes his time and efforts to the study and protection of this family of birds.

#### **POINTS OF SALE**

- Cranes are a flagship species for many different ecological communities and biotopes
- An informative and inspiring text written by one of Germany's leading crane experts.
- 200 breathtaking colour photographs bring the fascinating beauty of these birds to life
- Includes a map indicating where cranes can be observed in their natural habitat