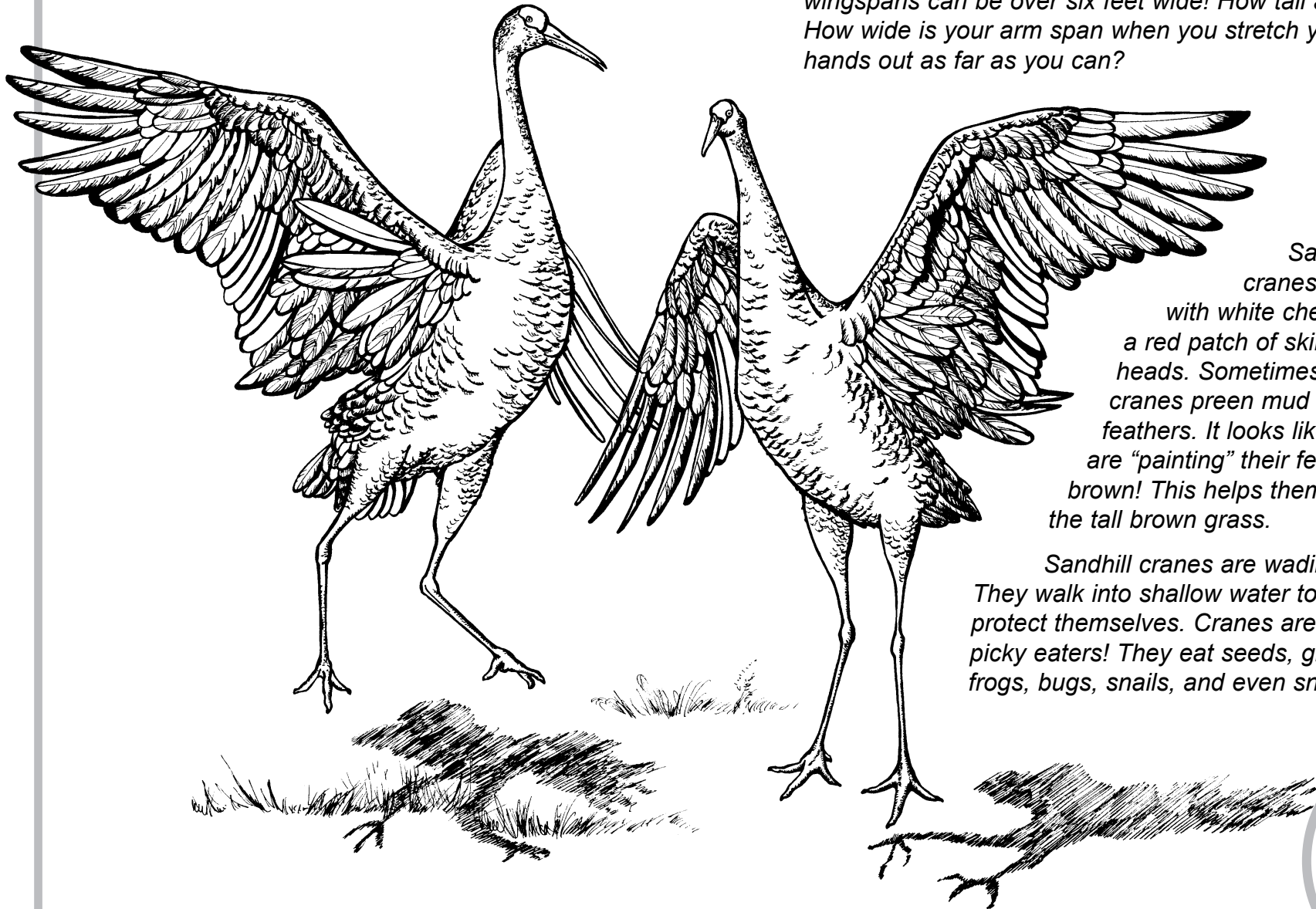


Sandhill Cranes

Sandhill cranes are big birds! They have long legs and necks and can be more than four feet tall! Their wingspans can be over six feet wide! How tall are you? How wide is your arm span when you stretch your hands out as far as you can?



Sandhill cranes are gray with white cheeks and a red patch of skin on their heads. Sometimes, the cranes preen mud into their feathers. It looks like they are “painting” their feathers brown! This helps them hide in the tall brown grass.

Sandhill cranes are wading birds. They walk into shallow water to eat or to protect themselves. Cranes are not picky eaters! They eat seeds, grain, frogs, bugs, snails, and even snakes!

