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## **My Adventures in the Field to Help Save Cranes in the Wild**

Cranes are mystical & magical creatures revered throughout many cultures as a symbol of happiness and good fortune. It is possible that they taught us how to dance.

However, cranes are in trouble with eleven (11) of the fifteen (15) species threatened with extinction. Tom Leiden will share his first-hand experiences with the International Crane Foundation's field team, and the wondrous work being done to understand and save cranes so they continue to brighten our skies.



Tom's passion for nature and adventure started over 30-years ago when he became interested in birding. This interest led Tom his wife Kathy to travel throughout the world where they developed a deep passion for wildlife and conservation. Tom retired from the family business, Leiden Cabinet Company, which allows him more time to spend on his conservation activities. Recently they have had the opportunity to be involved in several crane conservation projects with the International Crane Foundation. He serves on the Board of Directors of the following organizations:

- International Crane Foundation
- Cleveland Zoological Society
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Tom was the recipient Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Conservation Award in 2011.