



Ernst Kuyt is in charge of egg transfers.

There are now an estimated 106 whoopers, free or captive, in North America. Whoopers are long-lived (Crip at the New Orleans Zoo lived to be 35 years old), and they do not mate until they are at least three. This spring it is possible, though unlikely, that the first whoopers hatched by sandhill cranes could find each other, mate and produce one or more whoopers of their own.



Whoopers' eggs are speckled with shades of green and brown. The better-formed egg is left undisturbed; the lesser one taken.



Eggs travel nest to nest in a special incubator and are bathed in oxygen along the way.

Wild Goose Chase

In 1959 the city of Toronto put two Canada geese and five Canada goslings on an island in the city's harbour. There are now 6,000 geese covering the waterfront, spotting picnic tables and interfering with aircraft. This spring federal authorities began steps to reduce their number. After they molt, they will be captured and shipped to a wildlife preserve,

possibly one in the United States. Joe Carreiro, of the Federal Wildlife Service, said, "We have more geese in North America now than there were before the white men came. They're very smart animals, very adaptable. We just have to reduce their numbers to a manageable level."