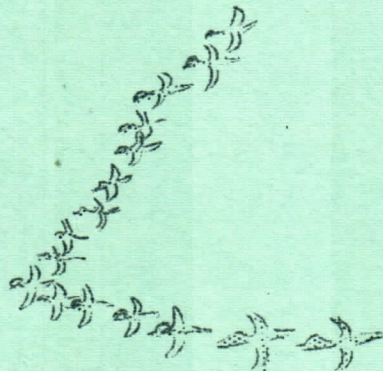


The crane is a very large bird. Only one bird is bigger than the crane - the ostrich. The crane stands as tall as a yardstick. It is much taller than the heron.

The long black wing feathers of the crane hang down in the back. It almost looks as if he has a tail.

The cranes fly through the land of Israel in March or April. They like to fly together. Some times as many as 100 cranes fly together. They fly in a V-formation looking something like this -



Sometimes they are flying so high, it is hard to see them.

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How did the crane know just when to leave Egypt and start flying north? Men wonder about this. Men do not yet know all about God's creation. Jeremiah said,

The crane knows the time of His coming,
but God's people do not know His Word.

(Jeremiah 8:7)

The crane makes a trumpet-like sound. He also hisses. He makes a noise deep in his throat. Isaiah had noticed this. One time he felt sad. He was in trouble. He cried and complained. Then Isaiah said,

I clamor like a crane.

(Isaiah 38:14)