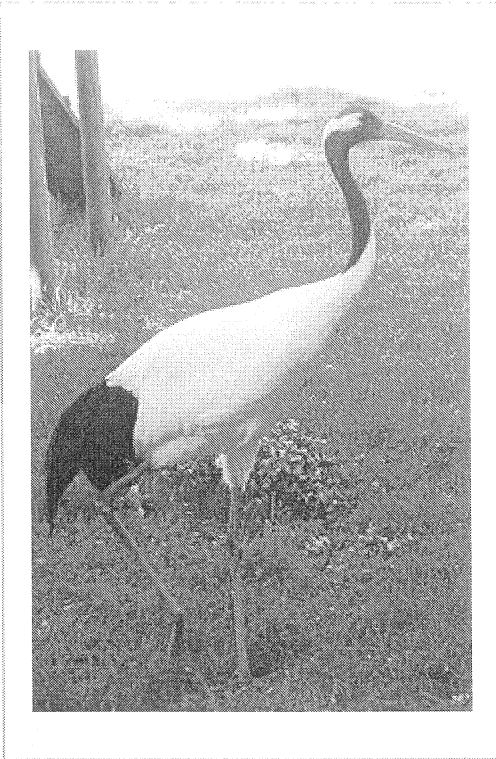
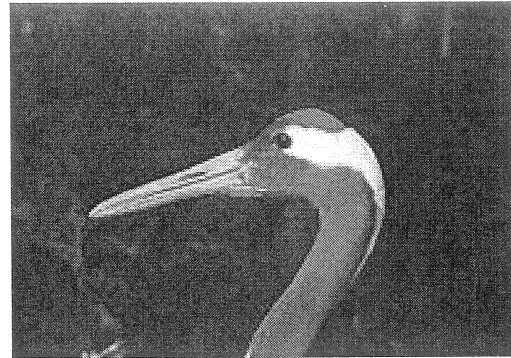


The Japanese Red-Crowned Crane



1 Adult Red-crowned Cranes (*Grus japonensis*) are
2 snow white with black necks and tails and a patch
3 of red skin on the crown. This patch of skin
4 becomes brighter red when the crane becomes
5 angry or excited. The Japanese crane is among the
6 most majestic of all cranes, standing nearly 5 feet
7 tall with a 5-foot wing span. Their habitats are
8 marshes, riverbanks, rice fields, and other wet
9 areas. The cranes eat small amphibians, insects,
10 and plants that grow in marshes and swamps.



Red-crowned Cranes (Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

11 In Japan, this crane is known as the *tancho* and is said to live for 1,000 years. It is also known
12 as a symbol of luck and longevity. An old Japanese legend said that anyone who folds a
13 thousand paper cranes is granted a wish. Folded paper cranes are also given to ill people to
14 wish them a quick recovery.

Adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red-crowned_Crane

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