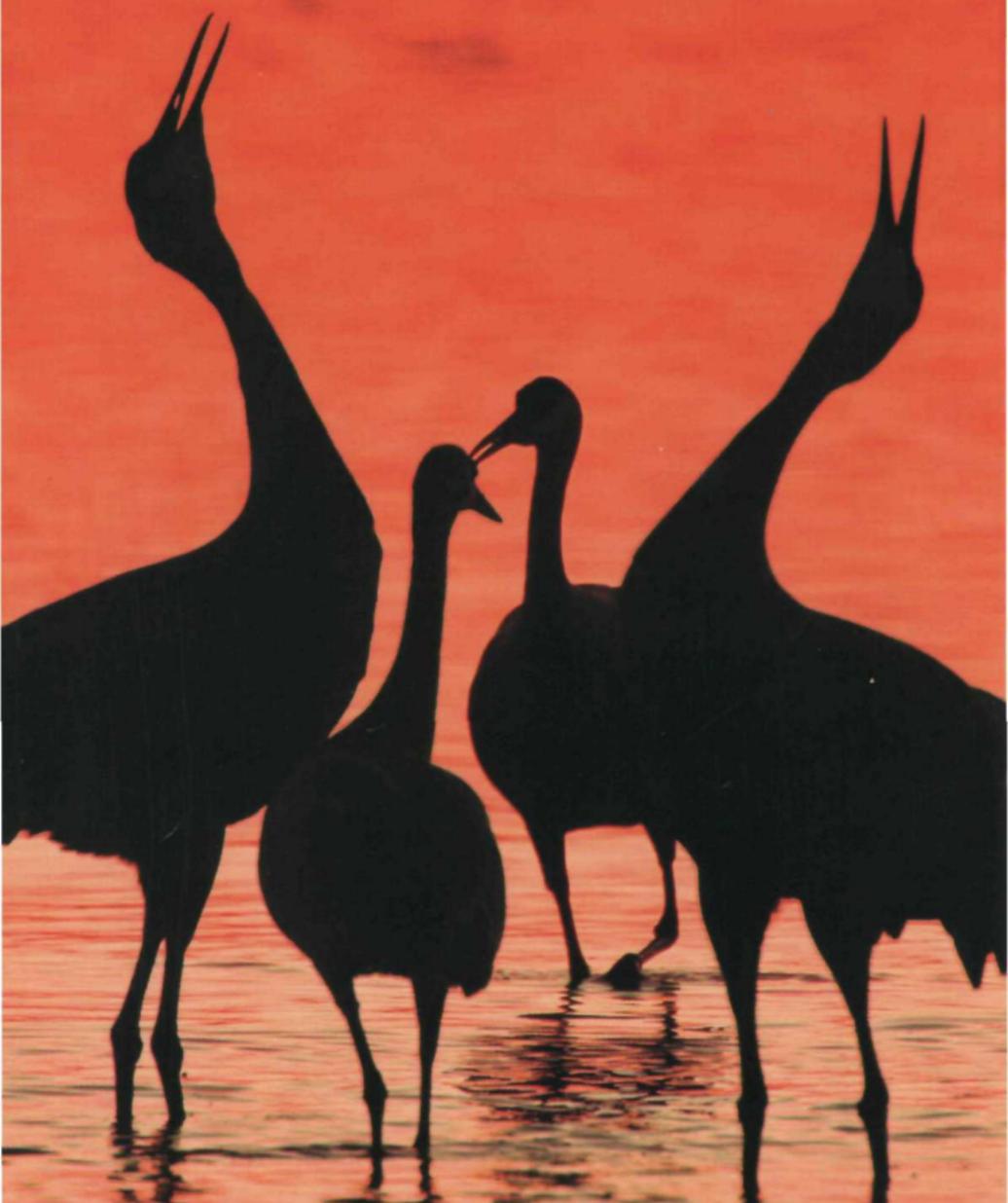


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Each season at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge offers unique viewing opportunities. Peak visitation occurs in winter when bald eagles and thousands of sandhill cranes and snow geese are present.

During the spring and fall, migrant warblers, flycatchers and shorebirds are present. The summer months are a good time to see nesting songbirds, waders, shorebirds and ducks. Some year-round residents include mule deer, coyote, javelina, turkey, quail, elk, and roadrunner.

Annual Festival of the Cranes

Plan to visit in November during the annual Festival of the Cranes. This event includes speakers, special tours and wildlife displays. For more information see: www.festivalofthecranes.com.

Visitor Center / Bosque Nature Store and Tour Loop

The Visitor Center/Nature Store is open daily 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Visitor Center/Nature Store is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during June, July, and August, and on New Year's Day, the 4th of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The 15-mile self-guided tour loop offers wildlife viewing and photography opportunities. Wildlife may be closely observed from your vehicle, which serves as a photo blind. The refuge tour loop is open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset daily. There is a fee for the tour loop; federal entrance passes are accepted.

For accommodations, contact the Socorro Chamber of Commerce for area information at 575/835-0424.

Directions to Bosque del Apache NWR

The Refuge is situated off Interstate 25 midway between Albuquerque and Las Cruces. Socorro is the nearest city. From Socorro, take I-25 south nine miles to exit 139, continue east on US 380 to the flashing signal at San Antonio, turn right onto Highway 1 and drive south nine miles to the Visitor Center. From Las Cruces, take I-25 north to exit 124 (San Marcial), east on dirt road one mile, then north on Highway 1 to the Visitor Center.

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