

## A COMPARISON OF THE STERNUM AND THE PECTORAL GIRDLE IN FOUR SPECIES OF CRANE

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### *ABSTRACT*

Twelve skeletons (seven red-crowned crane *Grus japonensis*, one white-naped crane *G. vipio*, two hooded crane *G. monacha* and two Siberian crane *G. leucogeranus*) were studied for the present paper. Through the comparison of the sternum and the pectoral girdle, notable differences were found between the Siberian crane and the other three species of crane. The measurements of the sterna and the pectoral girdles of the four species of crane are included in this paper.