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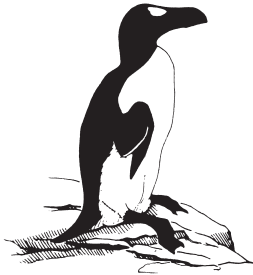
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Cover: Phylogenetic relationships among the 15 species of cranes (Gruidae) are revealed with new clarity by complete sequences of their mitochondrial genomes (see Krajewski et al., pages 440–452). Pictured here in the left column (top to bottom) are the Red-crowned Crane (*Grus japonensis*), Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*), Black-necked Crane (*Grus nigricollis*), Eurasian Crane (*Grus grus*), Hooded Crane (*Grus monachus*), and Black Crowned Crane (*Balearica pavonina*). In the middle column (top to bottom) are the Sarus Crane (*Grus antigone*), Sandhill Crane (*Grus canadensis*), and Gray Crowned Crane (*Balearica regulorum*). In the right column (top to bottom) are the Brolga Crane (*Grus rubicunda*), White-naped Crane (*Grus vipio*), Wattled Crane (*Bugeranus carunculatus*), Siberian crane (*Leucogeranus leucogeranus*), Blue Crane (*Anthropoides paradisea*), and Demoiselle Crane (*Anthropoides virgo*). Original painting by Siegfried Woldhek.



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