

December 20, 2018
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for December 18-19, 2018. Barren River Lake is still a little high. On 12/18, the lake level was 538.8 and falling. This is down .8 feet from last week, but is still about 10 feet above winter pool. Many of the sandbars that provide adequate roosting habitat for the cranes are still under water. The roost sites in Hardin County still have not produced birds during the survey. The roost ponds have water and there are plenty of harvested crop fields in the area.

The Kentucky 2018-19 Sandhill crane season opened Monday, December 3, and runs to Sunday, January 27. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	3,434 Sandhill Cranes	Lake leve(12/18) : 538.8 and falling.
Hardin County	0 Sandhill Cranes	

December 20, 2018
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for January 15-16, 2019. Barren River Lake is still a little high. On 1/15, the lake level was 541.5 and is being drained fast, but many of the sandbars that provide adequate roosting habitat for the cranes are still under water. The roost sites in Hardin County have finally produced birds, but in very minimal numbers. The roost ponds have water and there are plenty of harvested crop fields in the area.

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Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	102 Sandhill Cranes	Lake level (1/15): 541.5 and falling.
Hardin County	29 Sandhill Cranes	

February 19, 2019 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for February 19, 2019. Wet conditions continue to plague the state, and Barren River Lake remains high. Mudflats traditionally used are submerged, and birds are likely field roosting temporarily and then moving on. Subsequently, no ground counts are done for this area.

Conversely, Roost sites in Hardin County are still being used by a growing number of birds. On 2/19, just under five thousand birds were counted leaving roost sites and loafing in the area. Area ponds have water and there are plenty of harvested crop fields in the area.

The Kentucky 2018-19 Sandhill crane season opened Monday, December 3, and ran to Sunday, January 27. It was a slower season with only 60 birds harvested, but there is still opportunity for birdwatchers to see these wonderful birds.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	0	Lake level (2/19): 563.65' and rising
Hardin County	4,925 Sandhill Cranes	

February 25, 2019 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for February 25, 2019. Wet conditions continue to plague the state, and Barren River Lake remains high. Mudflats traditionally used are submerged, and birds are likely field roosting temporarily and then moving on. Subsequently, no ground counts are done for this area.

Roost sites in Hardin County are still being used by a fair number of birds. On 2/25, just under 3,600 birds were counted leaving roost sites and loafing in the area. Area ponds are swollen, and there is a lot of standing water in the area, but there are plenty of harvested crop fields open for the cranes.

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Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	0	Lake level (2/25): 579.38' and rising
Hardin County	~3593 Sandhill Cranes	

March 12, 2019
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for March 12, 2019. Roost sites in Hardin County are seeing decreasing numbers of birds each week. On 3/12, less than 800 birds were counted leaving roost sites and loafing in the area. There are still some pools of standing water in the area, but most areas are slowly drying out, and there are plenty of harvested crop fields open for the cranes.

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Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	N/A	Lake level (3/12): 579.53'
Hardin County	762 Sandhill Cranes	