

December 08, 2023
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of December 04 – December 08, 2023.

The Barren River Lake and Hardin County surveys will be conducted most weeks this winter. Most cranes counted at Barren River Lake in late November have left for warmer pastures as is typical for these early arrivals. This is the first survey of the season for Hardin County. Local reports for Hardin County suggest a few cranes on and off in the past month.

The Kentucky 2023-24 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2023, and is open until January 31, 2024. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable time afield.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA <i>12/05/2023</i>	0 Sandhill Cranes	Heard a few cranes in the distance but didn't see any. Lake being drained moderately. Lake level: 528.4'
Hardin County <i>12/05/2023</i>	21 Sandhill Cranes	Extremely dry with mudflats at the roost site. Ground count taken at 11am.