

January 30 – February 3, 2017 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

Duck season is over now, and while normally a lot of us are putting gear away and starting to count down the days until we can shoot at them again... this year we still have a couple more weeks to chase geese. Weather patterns have not really changed much, but that seems to be the theme for this year's season. We did have several reports of hunters finishing out duck season with some pretty good hunting, so I am hopeful the remaining days of goose season are productive as well. Don't forget the Western Zone Youth Waterfowl hunt is this weekend, Feb. 4-5, so get out and try to take a kid hunting. Goose season will remain open until February 15th. The Conservation Order Snow Goose Season will not start in KY this year until Feb. 16th. Enjoy the last remaining days of your season, and as always... stay safe out there.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	39,040 ducks 480 CA Geese 5,600 WF geese	85% Mallard, 7% Ring-necks, 4% Gadwall, and the remaining 4% is GW Teal, Wigeon, Shoveler, Goldeneye, Black Duck, & Pintail.	With rising water levels on the Ohio River, ducks are spreading out in backwater. Moist soil units are in great shape and holding lots of ducks.
Boatwright WMA	3,200 ducks 40 WF Geese 7 CA Geese	Survey was completed where possible. Waterfowl are spreading out into the woods and are very hard to count.	Boatwright is flooding as of right now.
Birdsville Island	Not surveyed		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	Not Surveyed		
Duck Island	Not surveyed		
Barren River Lake	Not Surveyed	90% Hooded Mergansers, 10% Mallard	Peters Creek MSU 90% full, Long Creek- Calvert Springs all units 80- 100%
Doug Travis WMA	39,000 ducks 8,000 WF Geese 80,000 Snows	60% Mallard, 20% GW teal, 20% ring-neck ducks, wigeon, gadwalls, wood ducks, pintails. This count represents what was observed on the north end of area. The south end is not accessible to do a ground count due to flooding.	All units are at 100% flood capacity. River is out on the south end of the area.
Cave Run Lake			

Peabody WMA			
Sloughs WMA	8,775 Ducks 4,200 WF geese 194 CA Geese 2,000 Snows 44 Swans	75% Mallard, 25% Black duck, Green-wing teal, Shoveler, Pintail, Gadwall, Ring-neck.	The Ohio River began to fall rapidly starting Sunday. However, there are still pockets of floodwater throughout lower areas of the WMA within the Highland Creek and Grassy Pond/Powell's Lake unit. With the recession of the river, water levels within Pond Creek have fallen in the past week as well.
Yellowbank WMA	145 Ducks	80% Mallard, 10% Gadwall, 5% Black Duck, & 5% Misc. dabblers.	All wetland units are at maximum water capacity.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)			
Herrington Lake	30 Mallards, 10 GW Teal, & 50 CA Geese		One adult bald eagle on the lake.
Taylorville Lake			
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	Not surveyed		
Green River WMA			