

**January 11-15, 2016**  
**Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts**

Several ground counts were not completed this week due to flooding. Ballard WMA remains closed. Winter is finally here, and birds are starting to show up. Remember to plan for the cold weather and stay safe. Happy hunting!

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Species Composition</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ballard WMA	No Count		Due to rising water, ground counts are not possible this week.
Barren River Lake	435 Ducks 20 Ca Goose	40% Bufflehead, 30% Mallard, 15% Gadwall, 5% Scaup, 5% ringneck, 5% wood ducks and black ducks.	Large white capping waves during count. Birds were in calmer wind protected areas that were hard to view. Gadwalls and mallards on MSUs
Birdsville Island	No count		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	No Count		
Duck Island	No Count		
Boatwright WMA	No count		Due to rising water, ground counts are not possible this week.
Doug Travis WMA	No Count		Due to rising water, ground counts are not possible this week. Birds are using the WMA but getting an accurate count is not possible. Reminder- hunting ends at 2:00pm daily on the area and signed areas of DTWMA that are "closed" to all access.
Cave Run Lake	No count		
Clear Creek WMA	No Count		
Peabody WMA	1,418 Ducks 320 CA Goose	90% Mallards, 10% Gadwall, black ducks, shovelers, wigeon, pintail and ring-neck.	Most waterfowl impoundments are full. Shallow water is

			freezing overnight, but thawing during the day.
Sloughs WMA	11,500 ducks 45 CA geese 6,350 WF geese 15,000 Snows Swans 85	85% mallards, 15% gadwall, shovellers, pintails, wigeon black ducks and ring-necks.	All of the ducks and Canada Geese were in areas where water was kept open overnight, the largest areas of ducks were at the sand point (wood duck banding site) and areas where cattails were disked this fall. Both the Snow and White Fronted Geese were dry land feeding in harvested ag fields where winter wheat was planted in the fall. The river has continued to drop over the last week and is now near normal winter pool.
Yellowbank WMA	590 Ducks	90% mallard, 5% gadwall, 5% black duck	All units are covered in thick ice except for small pockets of open water on the refuge.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	No Count		
Herrington Lake	No Count		
Taylorville Lake	No Count		
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	No Count		
Green River WMA	No Count		