

January 24, 2025 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of January 20-24, 2025.

The Kentucky 2024-25 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2024 and is open until January 31, 2025. 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>1/21/2025</i>	22,225	13315 cranes in SCBC, 7410 in PC, 1500 in WC. Crane numbers are off the charts right now, several new roost spots on the lake. Lake is almost frozen over and slack water in creeks and rivers today. Cranes are feeding from all sides of the lake, using new feeding ground areas. Large flock at Walnut Creek before dark. Have reports of cranes roosting on other parts of the lake that couldn't be surveyed. Lake at 528.2 down 0.3ft. Lake being drained moderately (1538CFS).
Hardin County <i>1/22/2025</i>	1,347	Cranes surveyed in evening as they flew off to roost. They appear to be roosting somewhere south of the fire station.