

February 5, 2025
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of February 3-7, 2025.

The Kentucky 2024-25 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2024 and closed 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
<p>Barren River Lake WMA</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2/4/2025</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 cranes</p>	<p>Since last week's survey we have received reports of sick/dead cranes on the WMA. 20 birds have been found dead on the mudflats, trees/shoreline area, and floating dead in the water. 5 sick birds on the roost could still fly. Two freshly dead birds were sent out for testing.</p> <p>Tennessee and Indiana have both recently confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in dead cranes. The virus appears to be spreading quickly and widely throughout the Eastern Population of sandhill cranes. These recent positives are the first time the virus has been detected in this species.</p> <p>At the time of this survey, 3 cranes were observed in SCBC. Lake at 538.6(10.6) up 0.2ft in the last 24hrs. Lake being drained fast (2075CFS).</p>
<p>Hardin County</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Not surveyed</i></p>		