

January 23, 2026
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of January 19-23, 2026.

The Kentucky 2025-26 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2025 and is open until January 31, 2026. 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>1/20/2026</i>	3972	3972 in Skaggs Creek/Beaver Creek, 0 in Peters Creek, 0 in Walnut Creek. Saw a few flocks flying around, several eagles, few white pelicans. Lake 528.6(0.6) up 0.1 ft in the last 24hrs. 0.0in rain last 24hrs. Lake being drained slow (404cfs).
Cecilia Hardin County <i>1/21/2026</i>	12	Survey was started late due to hazardous road conditions, so any large movements of birds from roosting to foraging grounds were likely missed.