

February 6, 2026
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of February 2-6, 2026.

The Kentucky 2025-26 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2025 and closed 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>2/2/2026</i>	1,702	1655 in Skaggs Creek/Beaver Creek, 47 in Peters Creek, 0 in Walnut Creek. Cranes flew into roost until it was too dark to see them, Maybe because of snow reflection made it brighter than normal. 2 inches of ice/snow on the ground so they can't feed easily in the fields. Not many were calling. The lake is frozen but creeks/river still have open water. 600+ Canada Geese came into roost too. Lake 529.7(1.7) down 1.1ft in the last 24hrs. 0in of rain last 24hrs. Lake being drained fast (3341 CFS).
Hardin County <i>Not surveyed</i>		