November 20, 2026
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of November 16-20, 2026. Weather this week included clear skies and average temperatures of low 60s. It's still early in the season for Cranes to be moving South, temperatures in the North are still mild. There have been reports on eBird of cranes in the Barren River and Louisville regions.

The Kentucky 2026-27 Sandhill Crane season opens December 7, 2026 and is open until January 31, 2027. 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	*Not surveyed*	*Not surveyed*
Hardin County *11/18/2026*	2	2 cranes found roosting on a lake.
LaRue County *11/13/2026 & 11/17/2026*	0	No cranes found.