

December 12, 2019
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for December 9-13, 2019. Barren River Lake was at 540.4 ft on 12/11. This is within twelve feet of summer pool, but it being drained swiftly, and many cranes were observed roosting on the upper reaches of the lake and even field roosting. The roost sites in Hardin County have not yet produced birds during the survey, but several small groups have been spotted in the surrounding communities. The roost ponds have water and there are plenty of harvested crop fields in the area.

The Kentucky 2018-19 Sandhill crane season opened Monday, December 2, and runs to Sunday, January 26. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable time afield.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	787 Sandhill Cranes	Lake level (12/11): 540.4 and falling.
Hardin County	0 Sandhill Cranes	