

January 3, 2020
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for December 29, 2019- January 4, 2020. Water levels at Barren River Lake have continued to rise with the new round of rain. Levels are currently at 3.5 feet above summer pool and rising, eliminating sand bars and shallow shorelines used by the cranes. Just over one hundred birds were seen at and around the Hardin County roost sites, and a few small groups can be seen feeding in the surrounding communities. Many areas have standing water in the fields, 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	0 Sandhill Cranes	Cranes were heard in the area early in the week, before the latest round of rain/flooding.
Hardin County Roost Sites	103 Sandhill Cranes	