

## February 25, 2019 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for February 25, 2019. Wet conditions continue to plague the state, and Barren River Lake remains high. Mudflats traditionally used are submerged, and birds are likely field roosting temporarily and then moving on. Subsequently, no ground counts are done for this area.

Roost sites in Hardin County are still being used by a fair number of birds. On 2/25, just under 3,600 birds were counted leaving roost sites and loafing in the area. Area ponds are swollen, and there is a lot of standing water in the area, but there are plenty of harvested crop fields open for the cranes.

The Kentucky 2018-19 Sandhill crane season opened Monday, December 3, and ran to Sunday, January 27. It was a slower season with only 60 birds harvested, but there is still opportunity for birdwatchers to see these wonderful birds.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	0	Lake level (2/25): 579.38' and rising
Hardin County	~3593 Sandhill Cranes	