

November 22, 2024
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of November 18-22, 2024.

The Kentucky 2024-25 Sandhill Crane season will open December 7, 2024 and is open until January 31, 2025. 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>11/18/2024</i>	55 Sandhill Cranes	20 white pelicans. Cranes have been moving through in small numbers the last couple weeks, feeding to east side of the lake. Lake at 533.6 (-0.4) down 0.6ft. in the last 24 hours, 0.0 inches of rain last 24 hours, lake being drained moderately (2378 CFS).
Hardin County <i>Not surveyed</i>		

December 6, 2024
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of December 2-6, 2024.

The Kentucky 2024-25 Sandhill Crane season will open December 7, 2024 and is open until January 31, 2025. 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>12/2/24</i>	619 Sandhill Cranes	564 in SCBC and 55 in PC. Cranes have been moving through in moderate numbers the last couple weeks, feeding from all sides of the lake. Lake at 529.1, being drained slowly.
Hardin County <i>Not surveyed</i>		

December 11, 2024
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of December 9-13, 2024.

The Kentucky 2024-25 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2024 and is open until January 31, 2025. 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>12/11/24</i>	795 Sandhill Cranes	795 in SCBC and 0 in PC. Cranes have been moving through in moderate numbers the last couple weeks, feeding from all sides of the lake. Cranes landed in front of Indian Point subdivision. Lake 529.3 (1.3) up 0.3ft in the last 24hrs. No rain in the last 24hrs. Lake being drained slowly (795CFS). Adult bald eagle flying with a 2 nd year juvenile.
Hardin County <i>Not surveyed</i>		

December 20, 2024
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of December 16-20, 2024.

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Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA <i>12/19/24</i>	740 cranes	Incomplete survey. Most cranes on west side of the lake. Many groups flying and most likely many groups we couldn't see from the roads. Received 1in of rain in last 24 hours. Lake is up 3.3 ft in the last 24hrs and being drained slowly.
Hardin County <i>Not surveyed</i>		

January 10, 2025
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of January 6-10, 2025.

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Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA <i>1/8/2025</i>	9,929 cranes	9,242 cranes in SCBC and 687 in PC. Cranes have been moving through in large numbers the last couple weeks, feeding from all sides of the lake. Cranes are using fields they have historically never been feeding on. We have reports of cranes roosting on other parts of the lake. Lake being drained fast (2755CFS).
Hardin County <i>Not surveyed</i>		

January 14, 2025
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of January 13-17, 2025.

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Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA <i>1/14/2025</i>	12,067 cranes	10,058 cranes in SCBC and 2,009 in PC. Cranes flushed off roost at 3:46pm and landed farther downstream of the lake. Cranes are feeding from all sides of the lake and using new feeding ground areas. We've received reports of cranes roosting on other parts of the lake. The lake is at 531.5(3.5) and is down 0.6ft in the last 24 hours. 0.0 inches of rain in the last 24 hours. The lake is being drained fast(2689CFS).
Hardin County <i>Not surveyed</i>		

January 24, 2025
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of January 20-24, 2025.

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Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA <i>1/21/2025</i>	22,225 cranes	13315 cranes in SCBC, 7410 in PC, 1500 in WC. Crane numbers are off the charts right now, several new roost spots on the lake. Lake is almost frozen over and slack water in creeks and rivers today. Cranes are feeding from all sides of the lake, using new feeding ground areas. Large flock at Walnut Creek before dark. Have reports of cranes roosting on other parts of the lake that couldn't be surveyed. Lake at 528.2 down 0.3ft. Lake being drained moderately (1538CFS).
Hardin County <i>1/22/2025</i>	1,347 cranes	Cranes surveyed in evening as they flew off to roost. They appear to be roosting somewhere south of the fire station.

January 31, 2025
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of January 27-31, 2025.

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Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA <i>1/29/2025</i>	1,903 cranes	1,717 in SCBC and 186 in PC. Cranes in the woods in cove above Beaver Creek Boat Ramp, many flocks flying SE outside counting range. Flocks have been flying north since last week. Lake 528.5(0.5) down 0.2ft. in the last 24 hours. 0.0 inches of rain last 24 hours. Lake being drained slow(179CFS).
Hardin County (Cecilia) <i>1/28/2025</i>	204 cranes	Surveyed cranes as they were coming off the roost in the morning. Birds didn't start to move until well after sunrise when temps reached above freezing. Observed most cranes east of and along CR 1375.

February 5, 2025
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of February 3-7, 2025.

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Location	Number	Comments
<p style="text-align: center;">Barren River Lake WMA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2/4/2025</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3 cranes</p>	<p>Since last week's survey we have received reports of sick/dead cranes on the WMA. 20 birds have been found dead on the mudflats, trees/shoreline area, and floating dead in the water. 5 sick birds on the roost could still fly. Two freshly dead birds were sent out for testing.</p> <p>Tennessee and Indiana have both recently confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in dead cranes. The virus appears to be spreading quickly and widely throughout the Eastern Population of sandhill cranes. These recent positives are the first time the virus has been detected in this species.</p> <p>At the time of this survey, 3 cranes were observed in SCBC. Lake at 538.6(10.6) up 0.2ft in the last 24hrs. Lake being drained fast (2075CFS).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Hardin County</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Not surveyed</i></p>		