February 02, 2024 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of January 29 – February 2, 2024.

The Barren River Lake and Hardin County surveys are conducted most weeks this winter. This week gave us some rain and warmer temperatures. We had an influx of numbers at each location this week. Locals reporting thousands of cranes flying north.

The Kentucky 2023-24 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2023, and closed January 31, 2024. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season.

Location	Number	Comments
Barren River Lake WMA	6942 Sandhill Cranes	Lake being drained moderately. Lake level: 532.9"
01/29/2024		
Hardin County		Water present in roost.
01/30/2024	665 Sandhill Cranes	
02/01/2024	883 Sandhill Cranes	