

December 30, 2020
Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill crane ground count survey for December 28-29, 2020. Barren River Lake is still a little high. On 12/28, the lake level was 528.7 and falling but still 3.7 feet above winter pool. The roost sites in Hardin County are producing some birds although the majority of roost sites are still empty.

The Kentucky 2020-21 Sandhill crane season opened Monday, December 7, and runs to Sunday, January 31. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season.

| Location | Number | Comments |
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| Barren River Lake WMA | 3,680 Sandhill Cranes | Lake level (12/28): 528.7 and falling. |
| Hardin County | 126 Sandhill Cranes | Some roost ponds are consistently holding some birds. The majority of roost sites are holding good amounts of water with no birds. Overall, habitat conditions are favorable. |