

January 17, 2023 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for January 17, 2023. We apologize for the lack of reports this year. We were not able to hire a winter technician to complete these surveys and reports.

Barren River Lake has been at winter pool for the entire season, and cranes have utilized the mudflats for roosting most of the winter. The Barren River Lake survey has been conducted most weeks this winter, and those numbers are included on the Weekly Waterfowl Ground Count Surveys that are posted each week. Local reports indicate that Hardin County has been seeing a few cranes on and off since Christmas. This is the first survey that we have been able to conduct in Hardin County, thanks to Andrew Caldwell who works on public lands in the Bluegrass region but volunteered to help out the Migratory Bird Program.

The Kentucky 2022-23 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2022 and is open until January 31, 2023. 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>01/17/2023</i>	4,758 Sandhill Cranes	Lake level: 528.8'
Hardin County <i>01/17/2022</i>	1,064 Sandhill Cranes	