

**January 25, 2023**  
**Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey**

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for January 25, 2023.

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. 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.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Barren River Lake WMA  <i>01/23/2023</i>	4,130 Sandhill Cranes	Lake level: 529.2'
Hardin County  <i>01/25/2022</i>	727 Sandhill Cranes	27 groups observed.