

## January 27, 2022 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

This is the ground count for January 24 through January 27, 2022. Cold persisted this week, leaving very few bodies of open water during the survey. Only the large and deep impoundments, or bodies of moving water remained open. This is the last weekend of duck season, which ends Monday the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Duck season will run until January 31, 2022. Goose season will remain open until February 15, 2022. The western zone youth hunt will be February 5-6, 2022. All bag limits remain the same as last season. Check out the waterfowl hunting [web page](#) for more details.

Good luck hunting and be safe out there. Enjoy your time afield.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Species Composition</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ballard <i>1/26/2022</i>	37,913 ducks 30 CA geese 4,500 WF geese	90% Mallard 10% Unknown	Very cold, with ice covering all units, except on large deep impoundments and moving water. Birds were concentrated in open water.
Boatwright <i>1/26/2022</i>	12,467 ducks 7433 Snow geese	86% Mallard 2% GW teal 8% unknown dabbler 4% unknown diver	Very cold, with ice covering all units, except on large deep impoundments and moving water. Birds were concentrated in open water.
Duck Island <i>Not surveyed</i>			Water levels are optimum. Habitat is good/excellent this year.
Doug Travis WMA <i>12/20/2021</i>	3,032 Ducks	95% Mallard 5% Wood duck	
Sloughs WMA <i>1/24/2022</i>	10,525 ducks 7,100 WF goose 14,300 Snow goose 103 CA goose  32 Tundra Swan	85% mallard 10% gadwall 5% ring-neck, pintail and shoveler	Water is at normal stages again this week, including Grassy and Highland units. Considerable ice was present throughout WMA and survey. Most shallow impoundments are frozen and with cold

			temp's forecast for later in the week, little open water is expected on the wma.
Peabody WMA <i>1/26/2022</i>	2,464 Ducks 227 CA geese	60% mallard with gadwall, pintail, teal, shoveler, widgeon and ring-necked ducks	All of the shallow water is currently frozen on Peabody WMA.
Yellowbank WMA <i>1/24/2022</i>	1,225 Ducks	85% mallard 5% pintail 5% black duck 5% other ducks	All units still have thick ice. Moist-soil units are above 100% water capacity.
Barren River WMA <i>1/27/2022</i>	450 ducks 5,000 Sandhill cranes	50%diver/50% dabblers high diversity w/ bufflehead, ringnecks, redheads, scaup & mallards, shovelers, wood ducks, widgeon	MSUs frozen. Small/medium rafts of ducks all over the lake, around Islands, back of coves, & flying in groups. Peters Creek MSU 80% full. Long Creek- Calvert Springs main unit 80%, and units above and below the main spring 50-90%. MSUs off hwy 100 are 90-100% full, with corn and MSU plants in great condition.  Lake 543.7(+14.9) down 0.7 ft 4534cfs
Cave Run Lake <i>1/26/2022</i>	341 Ducks, 767 CA geese 2 coots	100 Mallard 57 Bufflehead 10 Pintail 21 Ring-necked ducks 9 redhead 32 Canvasback 21 Lesser scaup 88 Ruddy duck 1 Mergansers	Lake level – 736.1'  Water above normal winter pool. Birds observed tended to be in coves or closer to lakes edge with some drifting in open water; a few birds were feeding in flooded woodlands surrounding lake.