

January 2-6, 2017
Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

Happy New Year! This week's report is coming in off the tail end of more unseasonably warm weather. Tuesday felt more like spring than winter, but the rest of the week is much more seasonal. Our Mid-Winter Waterfowl flights are flown this week, so be sure to check the website for that data when it becomes available. Overall, we may have lost some birds, but with the strong cold front moving in, that could change overnight. Good luck hunting this week, and as always... be safe.

| Location | Number | Species Composition | Comments |
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| Ballard WMA | 22,305 ducks 188 CA Geese 3,300 WF geese 3,000 Snows | 97% Mallard, 2% Gadwall, 1% Ringnecks. | Moist soil units are looking great and there is lots of food available. Wells are still running where needed. |
| Boatwright WMA | 6,200 ducks | 99% Mallard, 1% Ringneck | Habitat conditions are looking good. We are still having issues with several wells, but are pumping water where possible. |
| Birdsville Island | Not surveyed | | |
| Kentucky/Barkley Lakes | Not Surveyed | | |
| Duck Island | Not surveyed | | |
| Barren River Lake | | | |
| Doug Travis WMA | 4,300 ducks | 75% Mallards, 20% Ringnecks, and 5% mixed dabblers. | All 3 wells running and area is 70% flooded, and habitat is looking excellent. |
| Cave Run Lake | 20 Ducks 30 CA Geese | 50% Mallards and Black Ducks, 50% Bufflehead and Mergansers | |
| Peabody WMA | 1,034 Ducks 355 CA Geese | 85% Mallard, 10% Gadwall, and 5% mixed divers. | Moist soil units are at optimum capacity. Pond river is at flood stage providing timber hunting opportunities as well. |
| Sloughs WMA | 15,622 Ducks 4,230 WF Geese 1,266 CA Geese 87 Swans | 90% Mallard, 10% GW Teal, Pintail, & Black Duck. | Recent heavy rains and unseasonably warm temperatures have waterfowl scattered |

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| | | | across the WMA. With the recent precipitation, the Pond Creek wetland complex is now roughly 80% flooded, and ducks are capitalizing on large areas of newly inundated natural vegetation. |
| Yellowbank WMA | 945 Ducks 23 CA geese 1 Snow Goose | 85% Mallard, 5% Black Duck, 5% Gadwall, & 5% Pintail/Wigeon/Shoveler | All wetland units are at maximum water capacity. |
| Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds) | 29 Mallards, 19 Black Ducks, 30 Gadwall, 20 Ringnecks, 2 Mergansers and 22 Coots. | | |
| Herrington Lake | 220 CA geese and 4 Ruddy Ducks | | |
| Taylorsville Lake | | | |
| Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA | Not surveyed | | |
| Green River WMA | Not surveyed | | |
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