

January 17-20, 2017
Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

We are still experiencing unseasonable weather across KY this week, and are getting low counts of waterfowl on our WMA's. From travelling the state on a daily basis, I do believe that there are a lot more birds in the state than this report will show. Wet conditions have all the wetland habitats and ponded areas full of water and ducks and geese are scattered throughout the state. Some areas along the rivers are starting to see some flooding, which will scatter birds as well. Hopefully the cold weather coming in will get birds stirring around to finish out the weekend. Don't forget that Sunday, January 29th is the last day of duck season. Goose season will remain open until February 15th. Enjoy the last remaining days of duck season, and as always... stay safe out there.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	39,040 ducks 480 CA Geese 5,600 WF geese	85% Mallard, 7% Ring-necks, 4% Gadwall, and the remaining 4% is GW Teal, Wigeon, Shoveler, Goldeneye, Black Duck, & Pintail.	With rising water levels on the Ohio River, ducks are spreading out in backwater. Moist soil units are in great shape and holding lots of ducks.
Boatwright WMA	3,200 ducks 40 WF Geese 7 CA Geese	Survey was completed where possible. Waterfowl are spreading out into the woods and are very hard to count.	Boatwright is flooding as of right now.
Birdsville Island	Not surveyed		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	Not Surveyed		
Duck Island	Not surveyed		
Barren River Lake			
Doug Travis WMA	5,300 ducks 15 WF Geese 1 Swan	85% Mallard, 10% mixed dabblers, & 5% Ring-necks	All 3 wells are running and 85% of area is flooded.
Cave Run Lake			
Peabody WMA			
Sloughs WMA	10,850 Ducks 7,000 WF geese 965 CA Geese 1,200 Snows	95% Mallard, 5% Black duck, Shoveler, Pintail, Gadwall, Ring-neck.	Most of the birds were on natural sloughs, and were much more spread out than earlier this season. Weather forecasts for this weekend look favorable for waterfowl hunting.

			Temperatures are going to get to the mid-30s for highs and mid 20s for lows, which should make the birds move a little more than they have in the last week.
Yellowbank WMA	387 Ducks	80% Mallard, 10% Gadwall, 5% Black Duck, & 5% Misc. dabblers.	All wetland units are at maximum water capacity.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)			
Herrington Lake	2 Mallards 50 CA Geese		
Taylorsville Lake			
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	Not surveyed		
Green River WMA			