

November 14-18, 2016 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

In general, low numbers of ducks are around, but we have picked up new birds since last week. There is cold weather predicted for the North and Midwest so keep your fingers crossed.

Overall, most of the states wetlands are still in relatively good shape, considering the lack of rain in last 2 months

Kentucky's 2016-17 duck and goose seasons open Thursday, November 24. The first duck and goose season segment will close on Sunday, November 27th. The second segment of duck and season will open December 5th and the duck season will remain open until Sunday, January 29th. The second segment of the goose season will remain open until Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Good luck to all waterfowl hunters and remember to be safe whenever you are out pursuing the resource this hunting season.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	17,325 Ducks	79% Mallards. 9% Gadwalls, 9% Green wing teal, and 3% Wood duck, Shoveler, Wigeon and Black Ducks.	Pumping water everywhere we can. Ohio River is still too low to pump from. Plenty of food on Area for waterfowl.
Barren River Lake	Not surveyed		
Birdsville Island	Not surveyed		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	3,000 ducks per lake at survey points. 25 CA geese on Barkley	50/50 mix of dabblers and Divers. Dabblers are 90% Gadwall and GW Teal. 10% Mallards and Shoveler. Divers are mostly Scaup and Bufflehead.	Water levels at winter pool. Most islands and mud flats are exposed. No aquatic vegetation seen.
Duck Island	3,800 ducks 75 Canada Geese	95% Mallards, GW Teal, Gadwall. 5% Wigeon, Pintail and Shoveler.	Current water levels on the island are ideal. We have a good source of water stockpiled in the north impoundment and will gravity flow into the central as needed. The central level will be brought up slowly to maximize availability of foraging resources for the waterfowl moving through. The lakes

			have been staying very near winter pool, resulting in large areas of exposed mudflats... especially on Lake Barkley.
Boatwright WMA	895 Ducks	92% Mallards, 6% Gadwall and 2% GW Teal and Black Ducks	Wells are pumping where possible to have water by season opener.
Doug Travis WMA	250 ducks	70% Mallards, 30% wood ducks.	All wells are running, but river levels are dropping.
Cave Run Lake	100 ducks	90% Bufflehead and GW teal. 10 % Mallard	
Clear Creek WMA	Not surveyed		
Peabody WMA	86 Ducks 107 Geese	55% Gadwall, 35% Mallard, 10% Teal and Wood Ducks.	Water in Moist Soil Units is dropping fast with lack of rainfall.
Sloughs WMA	920 Ducks 400 WF Geese 40 Snows 2 CA Geese	Waterfowl numbers during the count is not an accurate representation of what is on the area. As many as 5000 ducks could be using the area, but most are hiding in dense shaded sloughs during the day, and feeding in the moist soil units under the super moon.	The water on the area is very low in natural sloughs. We currently have most of our wells running and expect to be where we want them by opening day.
Yellowbank WMA	Not surveyed		
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	90 ducks 2 CA geese	40 Mallards, 26 Black Ducks, 24 GW teal	
Herrington Lake	No ducks on survey points		
Taylorville Lake	Not surveyed		
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	Not surveyed		
Green River WMA	Not surveyed		