

November 27, 2019 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

Opening day is almost here, and weather predictions look normal for late November, but as always in KY... ever changing. Winds will start out from the North on Thursday, but move each day during the opening segment of the season. Friday should see an East wind, Saturday from the South, and then from the West on Sunday.

This year has been a year of extremes. Flooding that began last duck season persisted into mid-July along the big rivers, especially on areas along the lower Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. When the rain finally stopped... it stopped for two months (+/- check local listings). Rains picked back up this fall, just in time for an early arctic blast to hit in early November.

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Boatwright <i>11/22/2019</i>	969 Ducks	99% Mallard, 1% Gadwall, Wood duck and Black Duck	Birds were holding tight to cover making an accurate survey difficult. Good water levels in most areas, & abundant food availability with moist

			soil and crops. Overall, habitat looks good throughout WMA.
Duck Island <i>11/18/2019</i>	~ 3300 ducks	95% Mallards 4% Ringneck 1% GWT, PIN, BUF, BLK, RUD	<p>Water conditions are good. Habitat this year is fair. Very late flood followed by a drought resulted in poor response even by normally reliable natural vegetation. ~40 acres of Japanese millet was seeded, but germination and growth was poor.</p> <p>We have plenty of water stockpiled for our planned gradual increase in shallow flooded acres. Water levels at the moment within the island can be considered normal.</p>
Doug Travis WMA <i>11/21/2019</i>	4,550 Ducks	95% Mallard, 5% mixed dabblers	<p>It was difficult to accurately count ducks in Beaver Pond and in parts of Indian Camp due to the amount of flooded natural vegetation where the ducks are concentrating. All blind site units are flooded and ready to hunt. Baldy's Woods, Ward Tract, and Milner WRP walk-in units are flooded. We have started letting water into the Fish Lake Greentree impoundment. Indian Camp Rest Area impoundments are 60% flooded & we are holding the rest to prevent early seed decomposition.</p>

Sloughs WMA <i>11/25/2019</i>	4,500 ducks 45 CA geese 6,000 WF geese 2,000 snow geese 175 Tundra swans	90% Mallard, 5% Gadwall, 5% Shoveler, greenwing teal, ringneck, and Pintail	Habitat looks pretty good. There is an abundance of moist soil vegetation available, but water management continues to be a struggle. Most Cypress sloughs systems are holding water, however some wetlands and moist soil units still need more water, as we are still working to repair wells that went down.
Peabody WMA <i>11/27/2019</i>	575 ducks 110 Canada geese	90% Mallards	We only surveyed the waterfowl refuge lakes this week. Moist soil units are mostly full & most wetlands are full or flooded from recent rains. Both the Green and Pond rivers have high water levels in the vicinity of Peabody WMA.
Yellowbank WMA <i>11/22/2019</i>	225 Ducks	60% Wood Duck, 40% Mallard, 1 Sandhill Crane	Excellent moist soil plant response and standing corn in most units. A couple of units are holding 25% water capacity from rains. Pumps are running to have several acres of water before Thanksgiving opener.
Barren River Lake WMA <i>11/26/2019</i>	10 wood ducks, 100 CA Geese		Lake level is 531.1. Moist soil units are filling up slowly. Peters Creek MSU 50% full, Long Creek- Calvert

			Springs main unit 100%, other units 50-80% full.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	<i>No waterfowl present during survey.</i>		
Herrington Lake	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Cave Run Lake 11/26/2019	117 Ducks 200 CA Geese 500 Coots	4 mallard & 3 wood duck. 30 Bufflehead, 30 Hooded Merganser, and 50 unknown ducks.	

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There is an abundance of water on the landscape, brought by a large rain event over the weekend. In fact, the Ohio River is at flood stage, and is already threatening to close Ballard WMA. Boatwright and Doug Travis WMA's have roads that currently cannot be accessed. Rules for hunting in flood conditions are in the waterfowl guide available online. At Doug Travis, blind owners' rights and standby procedures for designated blind sites will remain unchanged during high water, including for hunters using boats to access sites normally reached by walking or wading. On impoundments with designated blind sites, waterfowl hunters must hunt within 10 yards of the designated blind site, even during high water. Walk-in hunting units will remain open to walk-in/boat-in hunting as appropriate and closed rest area boundaries will remain in effect during high water. We urge hunters to use extra caution when wading or boating during high water, and to always check water depths before driving a vehicle or launching boats where water covers roads.

Duck numbers seem to be holding steady, and there are more mallards staging to our north waiting for some winter weather to send them south. Staff in Missouri have noticed the species composition changing to mostly mallards, meaning most of the early migrants have moved on. Cross your fingers for colder temps to the north, and in the meantime take advantage of the flooded conditions that are providing new food sources.

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Boatwright <i>12/6/2019</i>	2,444 Ducks	97% Mallard, 3% green-wing teal, pintail and wigeon.	Survey route was mostly flooded. Freshly flooded habitat from high river, leaving good food abundance throughout the area.
Duck Island <i>12/4/2019</i>	2300 ducks	98% Mallards 2% Pintail, Ringneck, Canvasback, Bufflehead, Gadwall	Water conditions are good. Habitat this year is fair. Very late flood followed by a drought resulted in poor response even by normally reliable natural vegetation. 40 acres of Japanese millet was seeded, but germination and growth was poor.
Doug Travis WMA <i>12/2/2019</i>	3000 Ducks	95% Mallard, 5% mixed dabblers Much of the area south of Fish Lake Road could not be surveyed due to flooding.	On Tuesday, December 3, the river gage at Cairo, Illinois was 40.55 feet, predicted to rise to near 42 feet by December 5, then to remain at that level for several days before falling. At 38.5 feet, vehicular access to blind sites 16 and 17 was cut off by flooding. At 42 feet, water will likely be across the Fish Lake Road just west of the Fish Lake bridge. This will affect vehicular access to blind sites 5-9 and 11-14, including the Disabled Access blind, #13. At 42 feet, water will also be across the gravel road leading to the Indian Camp Slough boat ramp (blind sites 3, 4, and 10).
Sloughs WMA <i>12/2/2019</i>	10,250 ducks 45 CA geese 6,000 WF geese	92% Mallard, 5% Gadwall, 3% greenwing teal,	Habitat on Sloughs is looking very good. We have an

	2,000 snows 175 Tundra swans	widgeon, black ducks and pintail	abundance of moist soil vegetation and water has risen considerably with the 3 inches of rain over the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend. During our survey period, birds were active over a large portion of the area using the newly added water and food.
Peabody WMA <i>12/4/2019</i>	199 ducks 135 Canada geese	80% Mallards, 20% gadwall and shovelers, & 15 divers.	All moist soil units are full of water. The Green and Pond rivers are full and providing some backwater situations.
Yellowbank WMA <i>12/5/2019</i>	450 Ducks	85% Mallard, 10% pintail, 5% other.	Excellent moist soil plant response and standing corn in most units. Most moist soil units are at maximum capacity, except for several of our larger units.
Barren River Lake WMA <i>12/3/2019</i>	50 ducks 80 CA geese 435 Sandhill Cranes	50/50 dabblers and divers Mallards, wood ducks, redheads and hooded mergansers noted.	Lake level is 545.1 (+17.1). Moist soil units are filling up slowly. Peters Creek MSU 80% full, Long Creek- Calvert Springs main unit 100%, other units 75-80% full.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds) <i>12/3/2019</i>	9 bufflehead 8 CA geese		
Herrington Lake	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Cave Run Lake <i>12/5/2019</i>	112 Ducks 200 CA Geese 2 Swan 50 Coots	50 canvasback, 40 bufflehead, 20 ruddy ducks, 2 scaup	Lake is at 730.6', which is 6.6' from winter pool.

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			and loafing during the day.
Boatwright <i>12/13/2019</i>	49,044 Ducks	74% Mallard, 12% Ring-neck, 5% Green-wing, 3% Pintail, 6% mixed Bufflehead, Wigeon, Canvasback, Gadwall, Goldeneye, and a few unknown divers	Water levels have been high on most of Boatwright, for a couple weeks. Water is moving back out to the River and is helping to pull ducks back to the area. Waterfowl are moving back into the lakes and sloughs. Most birds were observed using moist-soil units and loafing areas around Swan Lake. Harvest numbers have varied daily due to full moon and some freezing of shallow water.
Duck Island <i>12/4/2019</i>	2300 ducks	98% Mallards 2% Pintail, Ringneck, Canvasback, Bufflehead, Gadwall	Water conditions are good. Habitat this year is fair. Very late flood followed by a drought resulted in poor response even by normally reliable natural vegetation. 40 acres of Japanese millet was seeded, but germination and growth was poor.
Doug Travis WMA <i>12/11/2019</i>	2900 Ducks	90% Mallard, 10% mixed dabblers Much of the area south of Fish Lake Road could not be surveyed due to flooding.	The river has subsided and is looking like it will stay in the 35' range; this river level will potentially cause road flooding when traveling to blinds 16 and 17 and also cause units south of Fish Lake road to potentially have overtopped levee's thus creating deeper than normal wading situations. Water north of Fish Lake road has mostly subsided but there could be deeper

			than normal water in spots created by beaver dams and levees. As always, use caution when wading and driving through water across roads. 3, 4, and 10).
Sloughs WMA 12/11/2019	12,750 ducks 205 CA geese 0 WF geese 0 snows 245 Tundra swans	92% Mallard, 5% Gadwall, 3% greenwing teal, widgeon, black ducks and pintail	Habitat on Sloughs is looking very good. We have had increasing amounts of usable habitat on the area due to recent rainfall. Although at the time of the survey it showed zero Snow Geese or White Fronted Geese, there is an abundance of each using the area at any given time.
Peabody WMA 12/12/2019	704 ducks 135 Canada geese	90% Mallards, 10% gadwall, teal, wigeon, ring-necked duck.	All moist soil units are full of water. Water levels are still high over most of the area which seems to have many of the ducks in back water.
Yellowbank WMA 12/10/2019	500 Ducks	85% Mallard, 5% pintail, 5% wood duck, & 5% other.	Excellent moist soil plant response and standing corn in most units. All units are at maximum capacity.
Barren River Lake WMA 12/12/2019	275 ducks 55 CA geese 787 Sandhill Cranes	80/20 dabblers and divers Mallards, shovelers, wood ducks, redheads and hooded mergansers noted.	Lake level is 540.1 (+12.4). Peters Creek MSU 80% full, Long Creek- Calvert Springs main unit 100%, other units 75-80% full.
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Cave Run Lake <i>12/10/2019</i>	257 Ducks 100 CA Geese 6 Swan 20 Coots	50 bufflehead, 30 canvasback, 20 ruddy ducks, 7 Gadwall and 2 ringnecked suck. Also 150 unidentified ducks rafted on the main lake, probably divers.	Lake is at 728'.
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This the waterfowl ground survey for December 16-20, 2019. The Ohio and Mississippi River levels are rising again, but are not as bad as in early December. Doug Travis and Boatwright WMA's will have some roads effected by backwater, but not all. The rain earlier this week provided ample sheet water across the landscape. Smaller rivers such as the Rolling Fork, have provided a tremendous amount of habitat that is usually not available. The cold snap this week also brought our first real ice. Most shallow water, and water bodies protected from wind were frozen yesterday and today. Unfortunately.... Mild weather is predicted to follow. As weather and habitat conditions change, look for birds to adapt as well.

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Boatwright <i>12/20/2019</i>	14,901 Ducks	87% Mallard, 11% Ring-neck, Scaup and Canvasback, 2% Pintail, GW Teal, Gadwall, Wigeon, Bufflehead, Hooded Merganser and Black Duck.	Below freezing temps last few days have frozen over many shallow water spots and some larger bodies of water.

			<p>River is on the rise again, supposed to crest at 38.5 ft early next week.</p> <p>There is a great abundance of moist soil vegetation with the river flooding fallow fields. Row crops are available as well.</p>
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<p>Yellowbank WMA</p> <p><i>12/16/2019</i></p>	<p>600 Ducks</p>	<p>85% Mallard, 5% pintail, 10% gadwall.</p>	<p>Excellent moist soil plant response and standing corn in most units. All units are at maximum capacity.</p>
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Cave Run Lake 12/17/2019	230 ducks	45 Bufflehead, 50 Canvasback, 2 scaup, and 13 mergansers. 120 unknown species rafted on the lake. (12/20 found 200-300 Mallards, and large groups of CA geese at the dam.	Lake level is 733.3, providing lots of flooded habitat in the backs of coves. All the small lakes and ponds are froze (12/20/2019).

January 3, 2020 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

This is the first waterfowl ground survey for the 2020 decade. Many folks are off for the holidays, so forgive us if the list is incomplete again this week. The Ohio River gauge at Cairo, IL is once again threatening to close Ballard WMA. The river is scheduled to crest over 43' on Sunday. Staff are expecting this event to close Ballard either Saturday or Sunday. We will advertise the closure on the department webpage, the Ballard WMA Facebook page, and the KDFWR main Facebook page. Hunters may also call the Ballard Waterfowl Hotline, 270-224-2244 ext. 1 to get updates. Doug Travis and Boatwright WMA's have roads effected by backwater, so be careful trying to access these WMA's and be aware of the rules that apply during floodwater conditions. See the waterfowl guide online for more info, available on our website.

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Duck season began on Thanksgiving Day, with the first segment running from November 28 – December 1. The second segment of duck season opened on December 7th, and NEW THIS YEAR, will run until January 31, 2020. Goose season opened November 28, 2019 and will remain open until February 15, 2020. The western zone youth hunt will be February 1-2, 2020. Also new this year, is the daily bag limit reduction from 2 birds to 1 for Northern Pintail. All other bag limits remain the same. We wish everyone great luck this year. Be safe, and enjoy your time afield.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard 1/3/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		Due to water being over roads at Boatwright and now Ballard, we did not do a count today. Ohio River is predicted to crest at 44' by Monday Jan 6. It's currently 42' at 12:00 PM today.
Boatwright 1/3/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		Due to water being over roads at Boatwright and now Ballard, we did not do a count today. Ohio River is predicted to crest at 44' by Monday Jan 6. It's currently 42' at 12:00 PM today.
Duck Island	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Doug Travis WMA 1/2/2020	9,500 Ducks	90% Mallard, 7% mixed divers, and 3% mixed puddlers	At the time of survey, the river gauge at Cairo is forecasted to rise to 43.5 feet; water begins to cross the road near the fish lake bridge at 41-42 feet.
Sloughs WMA	10,700 ducks 162 CA geese 1,850 WF geese	92% Mallard, 5% Gadwall, 3% greenwing teal,	The survey at sloughs WMA was held on a Dreary, rainy Monday

<p>12/16/2019</p>	<p>3,220 snows 210 Tundra swans</p>	<p>widgeon, black ducks and pintail</p>	<p>for the region. Birds were active most of the day with a low ceiling and heavy cloud cover. A cold weather front is pushing through the region with lows expected in the lower 20's midweek. Habitat on Sloughs is still looking very good with Pond Creek Marsh elevated making food readily available. During our survey period, birds were seen over much of the refuge. White Fronted Geese and Snow geese continue to trade back and forth in the area feeding on waste grain and adjacent fields with an abundance of each using the area at any given time. River Stages had receded from previous flood conditions but are increasing and predicted to steadily increase up until December 24. Happy hunting.</p>
<p>Peabody WMA</p>	<p>793 ducks 177 Canada geese 2 Swans</p>	<p>75% Mallards, 25% gadwall & ring-necked ducks.</p>	<p>All moist soil units are full of water.</p>
<p>12/19/2019 Yellowbank WMA</p>	<p>500 Ducks</p>	<p>85% Mallard, 10% gadwall and 5% other</p>	<p>All units are at maximum capacity.</p>
<p>1/2/2020</p>			

Barren River Lake WMA <i>12/12/2019 last duck survey</i>	275 ducks 55 CA geese 12/23/2019: 449 Sandhill Cranes	80/20 dabblers and divers Mallards, shovelers, wood ducks, redheads and hooded mergansers noted.	12/24/2019: Lake level is 549 (+21.0). Peters Creek MSU 80% full, Long Creek- Calvert Springs main unit 100%, other units 75-80% full.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Herrington Lake	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Cave Run Lake <i>1/2/2020</i>	50 ducks 50 CA goose	20 bufflehead, 10 ruddy ducks, 20 unknown species	Lake level is 737, Outflow – 2699 at 6 a.m. Lake levels made access to usual survey viewing locations not possible.

January 10, 2020 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

This is the ground count survey for January 6-10, 2020. There is an abundance of water on the landscape, and many areas could not survey because of flooding. Many lakes and reservoirs are well above summer pool. Most rivers are swollen if not already out of their banks. Ballard WMA closed on Saturday, 1/4, and will remain closed until it is safe for hunters to access. We will advertise details on the department webpage, the Ballard WMA Facebook page, and the KDFWR main Facebook page. Hunters may also call the Ballard Waterfowl Hotline, 270-224-2244 ext. 1 to get updates. Doug Travis and Boatwright WMA's have roads effected by backwater, so be careful trying to access these WMA's and be aware of the rules that apply during floodwater conditions. See the waterfowl guide online for more info, available on our website. We also flew the aerial mid-winter waterfowl survey this week. Check that report out online as well.

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Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		Due to water being over roads at Boatwright and Ballard, we did not do a count today.
Boatwright 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		Due to water being over roads at Boatwright and Ballard, we did not do a count today. .
Duck Island	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Doug Travis WMA 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		No survey this week due to high water. All access is by boat until the river recedes below ~41ft.
Sloughs WMA 1/6/2020	6,500 ducks 62 CA geese 7,400 WF geese 7,000 snows 45 Tundra swans	92% Mallard, 5% Gadwall, 3% teal including a group of 25 blue wings, widgeon, black ducks and pintail	The survey at sloughs WMA was held on a Blue bird sunny day. Birds were not active, most being observed in flooded buttonbush and standing timber. A warm front is expected to push through the region Thursday with highs in the upper 50's to low 60's, and a high probability of rain

			through Saturday. Habitat on Sloughs is still looking very good with Pond Creek Marsh elevated, making food readily available. Geese continue to trade back and forth on the area feeding on waste grain and adjacent fields. River Stages have receded from an elevated condition but are expected to increase with the predicted 4-6 inch rain though Saturday.
Peabody WMA 12/19/2019	793 ducks 177 Canada geese 2 Swans	75% Mallards, 25% gadwall & ring-necked ducks.	All moist soil units are full of water.
Yellowbank WMA 1/2/2020	500 Ducks	85% Mallard, 10% gadwall and 5% other	All units are at maximum capacity.
Barren River Lake WMA	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Herrington Lake	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Green River Lake 1/6/2020	Low numbers being seen, though finding them is difficult with all the flooded habitat available.		Green River Lake level is currently 24 feet above summer pool and is expected to rise with predicted rain starting Friday. Most blind sites in the bottoms are already under water, as are the sites on the lake. There are not many options for launching a boat as most boat ramps are closed due to flooding.
Cave Run Lake 1/2/2020	50 ducks 50 CA goose	20 bufflehead, 10 ruddy ducks, 20 unknown species	Lake level is 737, Outflow – 2699 at 6 a.m. Lake levels made

			access to usual survey viewing locations not possible.
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January 31, 2020 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

This is the ground count survey for January 27-31, 2020. Temps have stayed fairly mild, though cooler than what we have been experiencing most of the winter. The rains have held off, allowing swollen rivers to reside some. Lake levels continue to remain high; many remain well above normal levels. There is still an abundance of backwater habitat still present. We hope that your duck season finished strong!

Ballard WMA closed on Saturday, 1/4, and finally reopened to hunters on the 29th. We look forward to seeing the results after three weeks of rest. Doug Travis and Boatwright WMA's have roads effected by backwater, so be careful trying to access these WMA's and be aware of the rules that apply during floodwater conditions. See the waterfowl guide online for more info, available on our website.

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Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to flood cleanup</i>		Ballard is reopened, but staff did not have time to do a survey this week.
Boatwright 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		Due to water being over roads at Boatwright, we did not do a count today.
Duck Island	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Doug Travis WMA 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		No survey this week due to high water. All access is by boat until the river recedes below ~41ft.
Sloughs WMA 1/27/2020	7,783 ducks 310 CA geese 4,600 WF geese 9,300 snows 14 Tundra swans	92% Mallard, 8% GW teal, Widgeon, Black Ducks and Pintail.	Birds were active most of the day with a low ceiling and heavy cloud cover. Habitat on Sloughs is good with Pond Creek Marsh elevated making food readily available. During our survey period, birds were seen over much of the area and observed

			in multiple different habitat types. WF Geese and Snow geese continue to trade back and forth in the area, feeding on waste grain in adjacent fields with an abundance of each using the area at any given time. River Stages have receded from previous flood conditions and remain stable. As of Monday, roads were open leading to Grassy Pond/Powell's Lake and Highland Creek Units. Happy hunting.
Peabody WMA	<i>not surveyed</i>		All moist soil units are full of water.
Yellowbank WMA <i>1/28/2020</i>	1225 Ducks 30 CA geese	80% Mallard, 5% Gadwall, 5% Black Duck, 5% Pintail, 5% Other	
Barren River Lake WMA <i>1/22/2020</i>	105 ducks 0 CA geese	80% mallards, shoveler, wood ducks, 20% scaup and redhead	Lake is at 559.3' (+31.5') Moist Soil units frozen
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Herrington Lake	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Green River Lake	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Cave Run Lake <i>1/27/2020</i>	280+ ducks	2 mallard and 2 gadwall, 40 bufflehead, 30 ruddy ducks, 8 Scaup. 200+ rafts on the flats consisting of Canvasback, Ruddy, Mallard, Bufflehead, and Gadwall, all intermixed.	Lake level is 730.2, Outflow – 4,126 at 6 a.m.

January 17, 2020 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

This is the ground count survey for January 13-17, 2020. There is still an abundance of water on the landscape, and many areas could not survey because of flooding. Lakes and reservoirs are still above summer pool. Most rivers are swollen if not already out of their banks. Ballard WMA closed on Saturday, 1/4, and will remain closed until it is safe for hunters to access. We will advertise details on the department webpage, the Ballard WMA Facebook page, and the KDFWR main Facebook page. Hunters may also call the Ballard Waterfowl Hotline, 270-224-2244 ext. 1 to get updates. Doug Travis and Boatwright WMA's have roads effected by backwater, so be careful trying to access these WMA's and be aware of the rules that apply during floodwater conditions. See the waterfowl guide online for more info, available on our website.

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Ballard 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		Due to water being over roads at Boatwright and Ballard, we did not do a count today.
Boatwright 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		Due to water being over roads at Boatwright and Ballard, we did not do a count today. .
Duck Island	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Doug Travis WMA 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		No survey this week due to high water. All access is by boat until the river recedes below ~41ft.
Sloughs WMA 1/13/2020	4,450 ducks 120 CA geese 4,775 WF geese 0 snow geese 0 Tundra swans	92% Mallard, 5% Gadwall, 3% teal, Widgeon, Black Ducks and Ring Necks	Birds were not active during the survey, with most birds observed in thick flooded buttonbush and standing timber. Rain is predicted with lower temperatures expected in the upper teens at night starting this weekend through Monday. Habitat is still

			looking very good with Pond Creek Marsh elevated making food readily available. White Fronted Geese and Snow geese continue to trade back and forth in the area feeding on waste grain and adjacent fields with an abundance of each using the area at any given time. River Stages are elevated in the bottoms with current readings on the Evansville gauge at approximately 31 feet. Happy hunting.
Peabody WMA 12/19/2019	793 ducks 177 Canada geese 2 Swans	75% Mallards, 25% gadwall & ring-necked ducks.	All moist soil units are full of water.
Yellowbank WMA 1/14/2020	700 Ducks	75% Mallard, 10% gadwall and 5% black duck, 10% other	All units are at maximum capacity.
Barren River Lake WMA 1/15/2020	350 ducks 105 CA geese	80% mallards, shoveler, wood ducks, 20% scaup and redhead	Lake is at 561.7' (+33.7') Hundreds of mallards and a few wood ducks at Long Creek MSUs. Mallards, shovelers, divers on the main lake in small to medium size rafts, in big open water near Masons Island. Probably thousands of ducks in the flooded crop fields/weedy fields/flooded timber, now that the lake is 10' over summer pool.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Herrington Lake	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Green River Lake	Low numbers being seen,		Green River Lake level is currently 24 feet above

<p>1/6/2020</p>	<p>though finding them is difficult with all the flooded habitat available.</p>		<p>summer pool and is expected to rise with predicted rain starting Friday. Most blind sites in the bottoms are already under water, as are the sites on the lake. There are not many options for launching a boat as most boat ramps are closed due to flooding.</p>
<p>Cave Run Lake 1/2/2020</p>	<p>50 ducks 50 CA goose</p>	<p>20 bufflehead, 10 ruddy ducks, 20 unknown species</p>	<p>Lake level is 737, Outflow – 2699 at 6 a.m. Lake levels made access to usual survey viewing locations not possible.</p>

January 17, 2020 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

This is the ground count survey for January 21-24, 2020. The week started with temps that stayed below freezing for a few days, but is ending with more rain and mild temps. There have been individual reports of hunter success through the week, but these have been scattered and localized. Likewise, there are reports of large concentrations of waterfowl that are not captured on this survey, as most of the WMA's along the lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers are still underwater. Lake levels continue to remain high; many remain well above normal levels. There is an abundance of backwater habitat also still present.

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Boatwright 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		Due to water being over roads at Boatwright and Ballard, we did not do a count today. .
Duck Island	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Doug Travis WMA 1/10/2020	<i>not surveyed due to floods</i>		No survey this week due to high water. All access is by boat until the river recedes below ~41ft.
Sloughs WMA 1/22/2020	10,050 ducks 262 CA geese 6,845 WF geese 75 snow geese 5 Tundra swans	92% Mallard, 8% GW teal, Widgeon, Black Ducks and Pintail.	Birds were active most of the day with a low ceiling and heavy cloud cover. A cold weather front is pushing through the region with lows expected in the upper teens to lower 20's.

			Habitat on Sloughs is good with Pond Creek Marsh elevated making food readily available. During our survey period, birds were seen in pockets of open water with ice covering over 75% of the area. White Fronted Geese and Snow geese continue to trade back and forth in the area feeding on waste grain and adjacent fields with an abundance of each using the area at any given time. River Stages have receded from previous flood conditions and stable. As of Monday, roads were open leading to Grassy Pond/Powell's Lake and Highland Creek Units. Happy hunting.
Peabody WMA	<i>not surveyed</i>		All moist soil units are full of water.
Yellowbank WMA 1/23/2020	925 Ducks 30 CA geese	75% Mallard, 10% gadwall and 5% black duck, 5% pintail and 5% other	90 percent of units still have ice but are melting. Several groups of ducks are using small creeks off the river.
Barren River Lake WMA 1/22/2020	105 ducks 0 CA geese	80% mallards, shoveler, wood ducks, 20% scaup and redhead	Lake is at 559.3' (+31.5') Moist Soil units frozen
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Herrington Lake	<i>not surveyed</i>		
Green River Lake 1/6/2020	Low numbers being seen, though finding them is difficult with all the flooded habitat available.		Green River Lake level is currently 24 feet above summer pool and is expected to rise with predicted rain starting Friday. Most blind sites in the bottoms are

			<p>already under water, as are the sites on the lake.</p> <p>There are not many options for launching a boat as most boat ramps are closed due to flooding.</p>
<p>Cave Run Lake</p> <p><i>1/17/2020</i></p>	<p>279 ducks/coots</p> <p>10 CA goose</p>	<p>200+ Large group rafted up consisting of mainly Canvasback, with Ruddy Duck, Ringneck, Scaup, and Coot. 40-Mallard, 15-Ruddy ducks, 7-Bufflehead, and 2-gadwall.</p>	<p>Lake level is 735.4, Outflow – 4,276 at 6 a.m. Lake levels made it to survey. The mallards all came out of flooded timber. My assumption is that there is more around the lake with this cool weather front.</p>