

## December 22, 2023 Kentucky Sandhill Crane Survey

This is the Sandhill Crane ground count survey for the week of December 18 – December 22, 2023.

The Barren River Lake and Hardin County surveys will be conducted most weeks this winter. Most cranes counted at Barren River Lake in late November left for warmer pastures as is typical for early arrivals. Crane numbers for this area picked up two weeks ago and remained about the same this week. Hardin County crane numbers remain very low.

The Kentucky 2023-24 Sandhill Crane season opened December 7, 2023, and is open until January 31, 2024. This is concurrent with the second segment of duck season. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable time afield.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Barren River Lake WMA <i>12/19/2023</i>	454 Sandhill Cranes	Lake being drained slowly. No rain this week. Lake level: 528.2'
Hardin County <i>12/20/2023</i>	0 Sandhill Cranes	Dry with roost site a mudflat.