

**Sequoiah National Wildlife Refuge**  
**Waterfowl Hunting Report**  
**12/11/2013**

**Lake Elevation:** Lake elevations at Kerr are stable. Water levels on Sally Jones Lake are high.

**Habitat Conditions Status:** Wetland management units on huntable areas in Sandtown Bottoms are about 2/6 full and rising. Active water-pumping is occurring in the Sandtown Bottoms Management Units. However, future pumping efforts may be affected by budget constraints, and it is unknown how long we may be able to continue pumping at this rate.

**Crop Types & Status:** Harvested and un-harvested corn, harvested soybeans, and winter wheat are present at the Sandtown Bottoms and Webbers Falls Management Units.

**Duck Numbers:** Approx. 12,000+ ducks are present on the Sandtown Bottoms and Webbers Falls Management Units (combined). Duck numbers on Kerr Reservoir are fair.

**Goose Numbers:** Approx. 13,000+ snow geese are present on the Sandtown Bottoms and Webbers Falls Management Units (combined).

**Hunter Activity:** Hunter-use is high on Kerr Reservoir. Some snow goose hunting activity on Sandtown Bottoms.

**Hunter Success:** Success on Kerr Reservoir is fair. Success on Sandtown Bottoms and Webbers Falls Management Units have been poor. Limited success on snow geese on Sandtown Bottoms.

**Bird Movements:** Cold weather has caused many birds to move to open-water on Kerr Reservoir or agricultural fields.

**Weather Conditions:** Snow and ice are covering most of the landscape. All wetlands are frozen.

**Other Comments:** Conditions have caused ducks to shift to agricultural grains.

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**EXAMPLE**

- 1. Observer:** Kent Swanda
- 2. Date:** Monday, November 20, 2006
- 3. Lake/Area:** Ft. Cobb
- 4. Lake Elevation:** 1ft. above normal @1343.0 (normal conservation pool is 1342.0)
- 5. Habitat Conditions Status:** good
- 6. Crop Types/Status, other food:** some flooded millet and native plants on lake, peanuts harvested and good, wheat-fair
- 7. Ducks Numbers:** fair, mostly mallards with some GWT
- 8. Goose Numbers:** low, mostly resident Canadas, very few migrants
- 9. Hunter Activity:** high, especially weekends in am
- 10. Hunter Success:** fair for ducks, low on geese
- 11. Bird Movements:** Increase in mallards after frontal passage Saturday (11/18); some white-fronts moving but did not appear to stop.
- 12. Weather Conditions:** 45 degrees, overcast, north wind, no ice on lake or ponds
- 13. Other Comments:** Birds using sheet water in ag fields from heavy rains last week. Large numbers of cormorants moving. 10 bald eagles, 2 ospreys and lots of shorebirds .