Birding at Reservoirs 2 & 3, Lexington, KY
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Google Map coordinates

38.003709, -84.468418

Habitats

- Open water surrounded by residential housing with individual trees lining parts of the waterfront.

Birds and birder comments

Reservoirs 2 and 3, also known locally as the causeway due to where one views them, are reservoirs owned by the water company. The reservoirs are a great location for wintering and migrating waterfowl with good numbers of Hooded Merganser, Ruddy Duck, Pied Billed Grebe and Coot seen regularly. Gulls, Goldeneye and Scaup are also regular visitors. These reservoirs are some of the last places to freeze over and are a good spot during the coldest periods.

The reservoirs are in a residential area and as such care should be taken not to obstruct the roadways. It’s best to park on the street before reaching the causeway; the development on the other side is private. There is a turnaround at the gatehouse at the end of the causeway if one has gone too far. The area is only accessible from the north as there is a gate on the south side of the Island for residents only. From Richmond Road (KY 25) turn south on Lakeshore Drive (Junction is at 38.020547, -84.467607) and follow it all the way to the Causeway.