

Kirtland's and Blackpoll Warbler Banding Recoveries

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On 2 July Bruce Radabaugh banded a newly fledged Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) at Mack Lake, four miles (6.4 km) southeast of Mio, Oscoda County, Michigan. I recaptured this male on 18 June 1973 on the Lovells Management Area 4 miles (6.4 km) north of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, about 28 miles (45 km) from where he was born. I also banded his mate and their 4 nestlings, and color-marked the parents. The nestlings fledged on 27-28 June. Warren Faust had observed a banded male Kirtland's Warbler on this same territory in early June 1972 but we had not captured it.

During the 1974 spring, this male was found on the same territory mated with a 2-year-old, color-marked, female which had been born on an adjacent territory in 1972. (Her father was on the next territory to the north; one of his male siblings nested to the west; another male sibling nested 13 miles [21 km] away at the Muskrat Lake region, 1½ miles [2.4 km] northeast of Red Oak, Oscoda County, Michigan. These siblings and the above female constituted the entire brood at the 1972 nest). Since this female's 1973 mate did not return, this new pair used the territories occupied by both pairs the year before. This pair fledged 5 nestlings on 24 June 1974. (One, a female, nested ½ mile to the southwest in 1975). The second 1974 nesting attempt of this pair in July was disrupted by a Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*) which parasitized the nest. The cowbird hatched first but did not fledge. The warbler nestling was found the morning he hatched an inch in front of the nest dead, and with one foot missing.

The male mated with a third female in the spring of 1975 and the pair fledged 5 nestlings on 23 June. Since all Kirtland's Warbler banding was curtailed in 1975, his mate and nestlings were not banded. The male was found dead by Suzanne Doerger on 27 September 1975. It had apparently flown into a window in their house in the Westwood Section of Cincinnati, Ohio. An account of the specimen was given by Karl H. Maslowski in the Cincinnati Enquirer, 5 October 1975.

I banded 44 Blackpoll Warblers (*Dendroica striata*) between 30 August and 2 October 1974 at our station 10 miles [16 km] northwest of Muskegon, Muskegon County, Michigan. One bird of undetermined age and sex and weighing 13.4 grams was banded 19 September. It was recaptured and released alive on 25 September 1974 at Stamford, Connecticut, by Robert M. Boone. The bird accordingly traveled a distance of 700 miles [1,120 km] mainly eastward, in no more than 144 hours.

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