



# Michigan Audubon Society

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## Directors Meet in Alpena

The Board of Directors of M.A.S. met September 10 at Alpena Community College. Committee meetings were held during the morning to formulate recommendations and make plans for carrying out M.A.S. programs.

At the Director's afternoon meeting, the budget for 1978 was received from the Finance Committee, and adopted. The Seven Ponds Nature Center submitted a proposed revision to the Center's by-laws, which was approved with amendments.

It was voted to purchase a small parcel of land bordering the Phyllis Haehle Wildlife Sanctuary. This will serve as a buffer zone between the heart of the sanctuary and adjacent land open to hunting. Funds for this purchase were on hand in specially designated gifts. Interested persons could replace this amount (\$4,000) by designating to the M.A.S. Sanctuary Land Fund.

### NEW CHAPTER

The newly organized Genesee Audubon Society was recognized, and given chapter status in the Michigan Audubon Society. This is chapter number thirty-eight.

The Board, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, voted to establish priorities on environmental action issues (see separate story).

Several committees presented reports on the current status of Audubon programs and interests. The M.A.S. Library, housed at Central Michigan University, has been relocated and reorganized. The Scandinavian tour was reported as successful. Junior Audubon activity is growing. A number of matters pertaining to sanctuaries and nature centers were discussed.

## ANNOUNCING

**M.A.S. 1978 Convention**  
March 31, April 1  
Central Michigan University  
Mount Pleasant, Michigan

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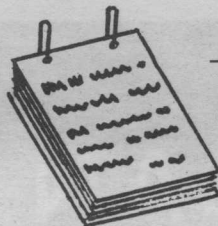
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## Editor's Scratchpad

M.A.S. has great opportunities and great challenges. Both its members and outsiders look to it for leadership in conservation, environmental action, research and education. But our ability to perform is limited by our resources. Now a two percent deficit may not seem like much, but it does mean unwanted cuts in service. Just a little help from many M.A.S. members can change all this. Will you, personally, help?

**WANTED:** Issues of the **Jack Pine Warbler** for March, June and September of 1977. If you have a copy that you will donate, please send it to the M.A.S. office.

**REPLIES:** We had a good response to our request for volunteers to write for Michigan Audubon. Next year you will be seeing some new names in the credit lines, as our list of contributors increases.

**UNSOLICITED MAIL:** Do you sometimes wonder where all those organizations who want your money got your name and address? Well, be assured that they did not get it from Michigan Audubon. M.A.S. has a policy not to give its membership roll to any organization. Occasionally, some group that is working toward the same goals as M.A.S. will ask to mail a specific item to our membership. If we agree, the mailing is addressed in the M.A.S. office, and then shipped back to the sponsor for mailing at his cost. Every such mailing is evaluated separately. However, some other conservation organizations are not that careful. We cannot speak for them.

## Kirtland's Warbler Nesting Success Revealed

The nesting success of the Kirtland's Warbler was not as good this past summer as in some years, but it was still good, according to Dr. Lawrence Walkinshaw, noted authority on Michigan's unique bird.

Of 31 nests whose outcome was known, 19 were successful. 131 eggs were laid, of which 88 hatched and 66 fledged.

Banding and recovery of bands of the warbler over a period of many years has produced much information on the warbler's life history. In fact, no other song bird has such a high percentage of its population thus studied. Of 14 males banded in the Lovells region in 1976, 13 returned to their nesting grounds in 1977. 13 were banded in other areas, of which six returned in 1977. Walkinshaw considers the return of 19 of 27 males a high percentage.

The M.A.S. Kirtland's Warbler Fund, which has financed the guided tours during the nesting season and otherwise assisted in the warbler's recovery project, is in need of donations. Expenses incurred in 1977 have reduced the fund to less than the amount needed for one year's operation. Donations may be sent to the M.A.S. office, designated for The Kirtland's Warbler Fund.