

WELCOME BACK, WARBLERS!

An endangered little bird in Michigan
is getting some big help.



Big Trees=Bad News
Kirtland's warblers build nests on the ground under low branches of jack pines. They hide the nests in thick grasses. If the trees get too tall, they make so much shade that the low branches and grasses die off. Then the birds lose their hidden nesting places and start to disappear.

Fussy Nesters

In spring, Kirtland's warblers fly north from their winter home in the Bahamas — islands off the coast of Florida. A small area in Michigan (see cross on map) is the *only* place where these songbirds nest. There they look for small jack pines about the size of Christmas trees.



