

January 8, 1962

Mr. L. A. Pommerening  
U. S. Department of Agriculture  
Forest Service  
Cadillac, Michigan

Dear Mr. Pommerening:

Through the secretary of the American Ornithologists' Union in Washington, I have just received a letter from Mr. Harper answering for Mr. McArdle, Chief of the Forest Service, the resolution passed by the American Ornithologists' Union, urging a preserve for the benefit of the Kirtland's Warbler. I presume that you may have seen Mr. Harper's letter dated December 26, with a copy to the Regional Forester at Milwaukee.

Mr. Harper states: "We have felt it unnecessary, and probably undesirable, to establish a preserve in the sense of a single-use or restricted-use area." However, he says that the end result can best be accomplished through accepted forestry practices with some modifications to retain good habitat conditions including timber cutting, cultural operations, and perhaps controlled burning.

Perhaps this is just a matter of language. I am not sure what it means and, therefore, will be most interested in getting your interpretation so I can transmit this information back to my Advisory Committee and some of the other agencies interested in this bird.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Mayfield:eh

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January 11, 1962

Dr. Andrew J. Berger  
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Dear Andy:

I was talking to Bob Radtke, naturalist for the U. S. Forest Service at Cadillac, on the phone yesterday and he stated that he would like to be able to incorporate in their recommendations to the national office some evidence of the willingness of Michigan groups to assist in some token way with the Kirtland's Warbler Preserve in the Huron National Forest. However, he stated that he had not received any explicit information from any of the Michigan groups on this score.

Therefore, I thought you might want to follow up on this to make sure that any action of the Detroit Audubon Society is officially transmitted to the Cadillac office of the National Forest Service so that it can be included as evidence of state-wide interest in the larger proposal. As a matter of protocol I think it would be best to transmit this to L. A. Pommerening, the head of the Cadillac office.

I believe you made a presentation to the Detroit Audubon Society on this subject as a result of which they voted to support the plan; therefore, I thought you might be the best person to transmit this suggestion to them, especially since I do not even have a roster of their officers.

Sincerely yours,

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