

January 3, 1963

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Mr. L. A. Pommerening
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Forest Service
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Dear Mr. Pommerening:

I am tremendously interested in being kept informed about the steps you take on the Kirtland's Warbler Management Area. Therefore, I was glad to receive Mr. Westerberg's letter of December 24.


With regard to measures for the control of the cowbird, I would frankly be much more interested in research than simply control. That is, there are any number of things that might be done, including perhaps the use of sterilants as mentioned in your letter of December 24, or even the more obvious and simple expedient of removing cowbirds with a shotgun or a feeding trap. But any of these steps in any one area would seem rather trivial to me unless there were some serious effort made to appraise our results. The appraisal of course would take much more work than the control measures.

I have long hoped that one or more graduate students in some of the Michigan colleges and universities would take up this matter as a research subject. Worthwhile work could be done, I believe, on a few weekends in the area in April and early May, followed up with some further work in June and July. Thus, it would be feasible for a student still in school but within easy driving distance.

Prompted by your letter, I plan to put out some suggestions along this line to the leading ornithologists at Ann Arbor, Lansing, Mt. Pleasant, and perhaps a few of the smaller colleges if I can think of any others where sufficient interest is likely to be found.

If you have any further ideas, please be assured they are welcome.

Sincerely yours,



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DEDICATION OF KIRTLAND'S WARBLER AREA
IN HURON NATIONAL FOREST

The National Forest Service is considering a formal dedication ceremony for the Kirtland's Warbler Management Area in the Huron National Forest, near Mack Lake in Oscoda County. I would like to have your suggestions.

First, we would be hopeful that each of the societies cooperating with the National Forest Service in this project would be able to send a representative or a delegation. Will they do so? Are there any other agencies that should be invited? Do you know of any gathering of conservation people - a camp-out, for example - planned for the jack pine region this spring which could be tied in with a dedication ceremony?

I hope to attend and would be interested in knowing who among the other members of the Kirtland's Warbler Preserve Committee would make the trip also. I suppose the answer would depend in part on the date chosen for the ceremony.

It would seem appropriate to pick a date when the Kirtland's Warbler would be on the scene, and this suggests a time in late May or early June. For me a weekend would be more convenient than a mid-week day. How do others feel? I personally would be unable to attend on the weekends of May 25-26 and June 8-9. Are there other weekends to be avoided?

Would the weekend of Memorial Day be a good time?

Any other suggestions on this idea would be welcome because the idea is still in a nebulous form.

Sincerely yours,

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February 6, 1963

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Dear Mr. Svensen:

I have been in correspondence with the several agencies co-operating with the National Forest Service in the establishment of a Management Area for the benefit of the Kirtland's Warbler.

Everyone favors a dedication ceremony and would expect to have one or more representatives present. The earliest date that would find the birds present, and would be convenient to my correspondents, would be the Memorial Day weekend. The fact that Memorial Day occurs on Thursday would permit some people to take a long weekend in that part of Michigan. Perhaps Friday or Saturday would be the best days for the ceremony.

This is merely a suggestion, and perhaps other suitable days could be found before the 4th of July.

I am sure there would be good publicity coming from a formal dedication.

If you have any further ideas on this subject, I would be glad to hear from you.

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