

February 5, 1963

Dr. Robert Hatt
Cranbrook Institute of Science
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Dear Dr. Hatt:

The U. S. Forest Service is planning to prepare a small brochure on the Kirtland's Warbler Management Area, an area established to preserve this rare songbird.

Harold Mayfield has given us valuable assistance in establishing this area. We have made frequent reference to his book, "The Kirtland's Warbler."

The brochure, in addition to outlining the management plans of this 4,010-acre area, will give a brief life history sketch of the Kirtland's Warbler. It is our hope that a full color photo of this bird could be used on the front of the brochure. This would not only make the folder more attractive, but primarily serve to identify this bird to people visiting the area. The frontispiece plate, showing the Kirtland Warbler family group in Mayfield's book would be ideal for this purpose.

The cost of a new full color plate, for a rather limited (10 to 15,000 copies), would be prohibitive.

We contacted Mr. Mayfield regarding our possible use of the color plate used in his book. He expressed his interest in the project, and suggested we contact you regarding its availability and any technical considerations involved. We would, of course, give proper credit to Mr. Mayfield and the Cranbrook Institute, if permitted to use this plate.

If your request is favorably considered there are a number of possibilities which we could consider. One would be for us to purchase the necessary paper from you printed with the color plate.

Our objective is to produce a small brochure somewhat like the enclosed folder on the Butternut Lake Forest Trail.

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We are aware of your interest in the problem of endangered wildlife species. This particular dedication offers an excellent opportunity to focus world attention on the growing concern for endangered species. The U. S. Forest Service will take an active part in efforts to preserve such species as a part of its multiple use program. We welcome your cooperation.

We respectfully invite you or your representatives to attend this dedication.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE S. JAMES
Regional Forester

An Invitation:

An event of unique interest will take place on Saturday, June 1, at that time there will be a dedication ceremony introducing the public to preserve areas that have been set aside by the U.S. Forest Service for the benefit of the rare, and perhaps vanishing Kirtland's Warbler. We believe that this may be the first time in the world that an area is set aside for the benefit of a single songbird species.

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Enclosures

- cc: Lower Michigan
- 2cc: Chief
- cc: I. & E.
- cc: R. F.

speaker on the occasion will be Dr. Ira M. Gabrielson, President of the Wildlife Management Institute, and well known over many years for his activities in behalf of conservation.

After lunch, visitors will be escorted to the Management Area in the Huron National Forest and to one of the preserves on Michigan State Forest lands. Several modifications in modern forestry practices are being made in these areas for special benefit of the Kirtland's Warbler. These will be shown and described.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Mayfield

Harold Mayfield, Chairman
Kirtland's Warbler Preserve
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