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A PS to "Discovery of the Breeding Area of  
the Kirtland's Warbler"

To: Harold Mayfield  
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Gentlemen:

Since the above article was published a few things have happened and I have dug up a few more bits of information - not enough to warrant another article but which should be included in any comprehensive history of the Kirtland's Warbler in Michigan. One of you may someday wish to write such a story, or at least you should be consulted by anyone that does.

1. First, as you all know, the Pontiac Audubon Club placed a marker (a bronze plaque set into a block of cement) at the probable site of the Type Nest. They looked up the owners of the property - a hunting club - and were unable to buy any land at the nest site, but they obtained permission to place the marker. It was dedicated on July 4th 1965. The ceremony was attended by a small but enthusiastic group, (about 40). Harold Mayfield gave a fine talk, and for the writer the occasion was a source of great pleasure and satisfaction.

The wording of the plaque is as follows:

Near this site on June 15, 1903  
Earl H. Frothingham and Thomas G.  
Gale collected a male Kirtland's  
Warbler, the first ever taken  
during the breeding season. On  
July 8, 1903, Norman A. Wood  
found the first known nest of  
this species on or near this spot.  
Site authenticated by Fenn M.  
Holden. This marker was placed  
in 1965 by the Pontiac Michigan  
Audubon Club.

I wrote Frothingham telling him of the marker and at the end of the letter I asked if he had any pictures of himself. In his reply he enclosed two snapshots, one of Gale standing up in the boat and one of Frothingham

