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Miss Jean Soames  
Picture Editor  
ANIMALS  
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Dear Miss Soames:

Your readers may be interested to know that payment for the United States Forest Service pictures used in the article, "A Forest Burns to Save a Bird", appearing in the November 9 issue of ANIMALS, will be used to assist in further development of habitat necessary to the survival of the Kirtland's Warbler.

Your excellent article, written by Harold Mayfield, described the first prescribed burn for this endangered songbird. Plans have now been completed to undertake another controlled burn within the Kirtland's Warbler Management Area, in a continuing effort to provide needed habitat.

We are enclosing a photograph of the Kirtland's Warbler, which has just returned from its wintering grounds in the Bahamas, to its nesting grounds in Michigan, U.S.A.

Sincerely yours,

H. A. SVENSEN  
Assistant Regional Forester

By H. V. Ziminski

Enclosure

cc: Huron-Manistee NF  
✓Harold Mayfield

March 7, 1966

Mr. N. L. Cuthbert  
c/o Museum of Zoology  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Nick:

I have just read your report on your work on the cowbird. I congratulate you for a clear and compact account.

One quick thought that occurred to me as I read it was this-- you could prepare a fine paper on the progress of the cowbird population into breeding condition. I can imagine a beautiful curve showing the percentage of cowbirds that are in breeding condition as the spring advances at this latitude. The regularity of your collecting and the examination of the specimens by dissection give you a set of data that I am not sure anyone else has ever gathered. Then this could be compared with data gathered by Berger and others on the appearance of cowbird eggs in the nests of host species.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Mayfield:eh

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