

Kirtland's Warbler

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Re: 2630

Mr. G. W. Irvine
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Dear Mr. Irvine:

Instead of giving you a secondhand interpretation of the 1961 count near Mack Lake, I am sending you a photo copy of Andy Berger's own description of his findings supplied to me at that time. I hope this will give you what you want.

I am most interested in hearing about the steps you are taking within the Management Area. I shall await with great interest the results of certain experimental aspects of your work. I have always been hopeful that a planting configuration could be found that would be highly suitable to the warblers, and yet compatible with economical use of mechanical equipment and with ultimate harvesting practices. I am sure you must have your eye also on some of the plantings in northeastern Crawford County, where the Michigan Conservation Department planted trees a few years ago in curving strips parallel to the edge of existing stands. Some of that area must be getting very close to suitable size for the warblers now, although I have not visited the area for about three years.

If you take a close look at some of the Ogemaw plantings, I think you should take particular note of some small tracts that were planted in spruce. We are still curious to see if this other conifer may be acceptable to the warbler in terrain that is suitable otherwise.

Please keep me informed about your findings and other steps you are taking in the Management Area. One of these days I would like to put out a brief situation report for my advisory committee that was set up by the Michigan Audubon Society some years ago to follow both the state and national efforts in behalf of the Kirtland's Warbler.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Mayfield:eh
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