



Michigan Audubon Society

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KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

September 23, 1971

Mr. John Von Bargen
Forest Supervisor
Huron-Manistee National Forest
421 South Mitchell Street
Cadillac, Michigan 49601

Dear Mr. Von Bargen:

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Audubon Society has instructed me to write to inform you of its deep concern over the sharp decrease in numbers of the Kirtland's Warbler as indicated by the 1971 census. I appreciated your letter of May 7 indicating an increase in the number of singing males on the management area from 1968 through 1970, and hope that the number of birds there has not declined. The Michigan Audubon Society would like to sponsor additional study of the birds in hope of finding ways to increase the population. To this end we expect to confer with Harold Mayfield, with you, and with representatives of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William L. Thompson".

William L. Thompson
President, Michigan Audubon Society.

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