

1973 Correspondence

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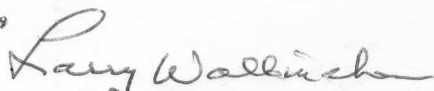
Dear Harold:

Your letter of December 27 arrived and will answer the two questions.

- 1) I do not have all the complete details as to ages of adult Kirtland's Warblers yet and may not get time to work them out until next July but will get them sometime. Females do not return as good in any species I have studied as do males so I usually use information on males. The fact that one of my females moved $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to a new region shows why they disappear sometimes. Males do this very seldom.
- 2) I think it very wise for Warren Faust to work with banding activities because of the possibilities of the many nestlings banded this past summer moving to new areas as well as the several birds ^{he} has seen-providing he has some experience removing birds from mist-nets prior to this. It takes quite a bit of experience to do it carefully without damaging some birds even though Kirtland's Warblers seldom tangle themselves very much. Warren did help me for several days last fall but I feel he should do more than that. He should run his own nets this spring and early summer working* with common birds first. Don't you geel that way? But Warren is a good, reliable bird man and will do a good job.

Worked on 3 Christmas counts again this year; working on whooping crane, southern Michigan Sandhill Crane count, and central Florida Crane count along with working with Lovett Williams banding cranes will keep me busy this winter and spring but I love it.

Sincerely,


Larry Walkinshaw