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15 December 1975

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Tel/m Larry 1/8/76

Bird Banding Laboratory
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Patuxent, Maryland

Gentlemen:

My Master Personal Bird-banding Permit expired 30 November 1975. I would like to get it renewed. I still plan to use mist nets in capture of birds as I have in the past. I would like the permit to cover both Florida and Michigan.

I am writing up my work on Kirtland's Warbler now, planning on publication. I would like permission to capture a limited number of Kirtland's Warblers and to band nestlings in certain nests where I have done work on that family for some time. The reasons for banding these birds are as follows:

I have learned that one known age male mated with his half-sister.

That a mother may have mated with her son.

That one year old, both males and females, will nest but have found them to rear only one brood a year.

That two year old birds attempt two broods during one summer.
That older females attempt two broods annually if possible.

That some pairs will remate for more than one summer while others do not.

That young birds (banded as nestlings) tend to do ^{one of} two things.

- (1) Many return the summer after birth to nest on or near where they were born
- (2) Many also move to new regions and have been found up to 29 miles from where born.

That first year birds will mate with the opposite sex of any age. One one-year old female mated with an eight-year old male; one one-year old male mated with an eight-year old female.

That one female, had four different mates during six summers and during four of these summers reared 7 successive ~~birds~~ broods; that offsprings from three of these broods are nesting within a mile of her this past summer.

That one of my studied males, banded by Radabaugh 29 miles away, which helped rear a successful 1975 brood was killed 27 Sept. 1975 by flying into a picture window in Cincinnati, Ohio.

And many other things including how long many birds have survived.

Sincerely,

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14 December 1975

Mr. Wesley Jones,
Chief, Branch of Population Management
Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Wes:

I shall be happy to work again in 1976 as during 1975 on Kirtland's Warbler. Would like to get permission to band certain individuals if possible. Enclosed is the letter for the bird banding office. Would you check over and forward to them so that I might be able to capture birds this coming summer. I do not want to capture all birds by any means now, nor to band all nestlings. If we could study birds already banded it would help immensely and band only certain offspring of certain studied families.

I wish to continue these studies so that we can learn more about these different individuals and families and what they do in summer time. It really is the only way we know what individual birds do. It is that simple.

I can mark families studied (i.e. nestlings) such that they would not have to be recaptured also. This could be done by marking one family with say color black on the right leg; blue on another family; yellow on another; etc. then on others band them on the left leg. This would give me enough information for continued studies.

Hope you folks have a Marvelous Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours,

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