

May 16, 1976

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Dear Larry:

A couple of days ago I spoke at Kirtland College on the occasion of the gift of a substantial amount of money to the Michigan DNR to be used for the benefit of the Kirtland's Warbler. I had hoped you might be there.

One of the figures developed in your field work that is most useful is the production of young ~~per pair~~ of adults each year. In the paper in Jack-Pine Warbler summarizing the findings of 1972-74, you give the number of nests and eggs and fledglings but not the number of pairs (or females) each year - which would take into consideration those pairs that produce two broods in one season. If the figure is handy, I wonder if you could give me the number of pairs represented by this batch of nests for 1972, 1973, and 1974?

I would not bother you for this, but I don't suppose you have a more comprehensive report on the Kirtland about to appear, do you? Once you said you had more on the Kirtland than on the Field Sparrow, but I don't suppose it is in the same stage of preparation for the press, since your field work is still actively continuing.

The kind of figure I am seeking illustrates again the need to have a substantial number, if not all, of your adults banded, and thus gives another argument for permitting you to resume banding in 1976, which we voted at one of our recent Recovery Team meetings.

I seem to have a number of other assignments taking up my time in June, including the Wilson Society meeting, a lecture at Lake Itasca in Minnesota, and departure late in the month for Mexico again, but I am still hopeful of seeing you in the field at some time. Do you have any kind of plan in mind about the days you will be in Kirtland country versus the days at home? That is, when do you intend to start field work, and then are you likely to return home week-ends, or is your schedule more irregular than that?

If you can, just drop me a postcard.

I don't think I'll try to join this year's census.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

September 7, 1976

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Dear Larry:

I do not want you to do a job just for me, but if you make a summary of your 1976 Kirtland field work, please give me a copy of it.

I am very much interested in your continuing field work on the Kirtland's Warbler, but have not heard anything about it this year. In fact, except for the census results, I have not heard anything from the Jack pines or from Lansing this summer. I have not even heard if our "Recovery Plan" submitted in the late spring to Washington was accepted. I suppose John Byelich is pretty busy with plans for the deer season just now.

You may know that a group from the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh chartered a boat and visited a number of Bahama Islands this spring looking for the Kirtland but not finding it.

With luck, perhaps Virginia and I can help you with your field work next June. We are trying to avoid other commitments at that time to visit the pines for old time's sake, if for nothing else.

Hope everything is going well with you.

Sincerely,