

March 19, 1977

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Dear Larry,

I have been meaning to write you for some time, partly to stay in touch and partly to report that I am thinking seriously of some post-breeding observation (August) of the Kirtland's Warbler, using the birds you have banded during the nesting season. This is one period for which our data are a little skimpy, and it would be good to have more evidence on how far the family groups move around, how much they stay separate, and when the young are completely independent.

I assume you plan to do field studies in the nesting season again.

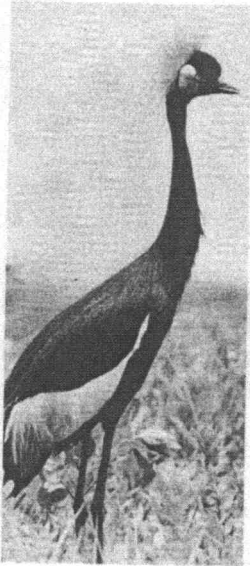
Also I have been wondering how your plans to publish your Kirtland material now stand. Once there was thought of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service publishing this as a monograph, but I haven't heard anything lately.

Our Recovery Team met in January in Lansing. We went over the usual routines for the coming year and talked some about a little meeting I attended in November in Nassau, arranged by the Fish and Wildlife Service people in Washington to talk about possible work on the bird in the Bahama Islands. Much of our time was spent in Nassau discussing the feasibility of marking Kirtlands with small radio transmitters and following them around with directional receivers. Apparently this is technically possible, but a lot of preliminary work needs to be done, including try-outs on some other warblers about the same size before we touch a Kirtland. Also there are many awkward problems to solve. Do we attach the transmitter in Michigan and follow the bird south by plane? Do we try to pick up the bird in the Bahamas after it has arrived? Do we wait for someone to find the bird in the Bahamas and then go there instantly and attach the transmitter (if we can net the bird)? And so on.

What project are you working on now?

When are you coming north?

Sincerely,



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Mr. Harold Mayfield
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Dear Harold:

Thanks for your letter. It does not look as though the USFWS are going to publish the Kirtland Mss. We may do it ourselves.

I plan to be on the Kirtland region about mid-May for a few days then from 25 May on to early June. Would like to spend 11-20 May in northern Michigan (the U.P.).

Your plan to work on Kirtlands during August is good. I spend so much time there do not dare to spend August there also.

The F&WS is planning on furnishing me with a truck. We gave the old station wagon to our oldest grandson who is going to Houghton to college.

Cordially

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April 14, 1977

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Dear Larry:

It is so long nowadays between the completion of a manuscript and its publication (I just submitted something to Living Bird for possible appearance in mid-1979!), that I wonder if it would be possible for me to have a xerox of your Kirtland manuscript when you get a draft finished - even a rough draft? I would be happy to pay for the xeroxing.

My need to use your data keeps cropping up. Just this past week I wrote something at the request of Michigan Out-of-Downs and kept wishing I had your figures at hand. And in the meetings of the Recovery Team in Lansing, we are constantly bringing up how the warblers are doing, and I am the one who tries to put the figures together. Your data are the most useful current information we have.

I realize it is a nuisance for us (you and me both) who are not at institutions to get xeroxing done conveniently, but I am hoping you may have the opportunity one of these days either before or after your return to Michigan.

If you are in Kirtland country around May 13, maybe I will see you then, as Virginia and I will be in Grayling at the Holiday Inn while I am giving a commencement speech at Kirtland College near Roscommon. I hope to see the cowbird trappers and other friends in the neighborhood at that time.

Enjoyed your piece on Miles Pirnie in the Jack-Pine Warbler.

Also your name came up a couple of weeks ago when I was at the Research Center in Janestown, North Dakota, and people there remembered you from a previous visit...in very favorable terms, I should add.

Sincerely,

