



Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team

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At our last Recovery Team meeting it was decided to form a standing committee for the purpose of advising the Team on and giving impetus to various phases of research on the Kirtland's Warbler. The job of this committee would be to formulate a list of research needs that are pertinent to the survival of the Warbler, develop a plan for implementing the needed research, and review and make recommendations on research proposals.

I am asking the following people to serve on this committee:

Bill Irvine, Chairman	Horace LaBumbard
Mike DeCapita	Larry Ryel
Nels Johnson	Sylvia Taylor } <i>ride</i>

It is felt that a more concerted interdisciplinary effort is needed to bring together current research and coordinate future studies to obtain the knowledge needed to better manage this species and its habitat. The major areas of study will be in the biology and habitat requirements of the bird and the silviculture of jack pine including the relationships of soils and fire. It will be necessary for the committee members to obtain input from the more knowledgeable people in the various disciplines. I am asking the following people to serve as primary resource advisors to this committee:

Kirtland's Warbler Biology and Habitat

Jerry Weinrich, DNR	Paul Aird, U. of Toronto (Potential Canadian range and forest ecology)
John Probst, NCFES	Harold Mayfield (including migration and winter range)

Jack Pine Silviculture

John Cooley, NCFES	Paul Marshall, U of M
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Soils

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Fire

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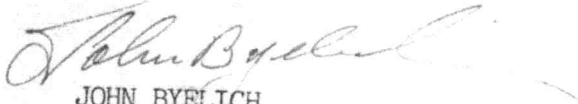
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I would like to have a meeting of the six committee members on March 23 to develop a first draft of a list of research needs and an outline of a plan. If possible, we would meet at a central location like the Clare DNR District Office between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

After this meeting, the committee should meet with as many of the resource advisors that could make it in mid-April, probably in Lansing.

Please let Bill Irvine [redacted] know if you will serve on this committee and if the date of the meeting is o.k.

Sincerely,


JOHN BYELICH
KWRT Leader