

KIRTLAND'S WARBLER CENSUS OF 1961INSTRUCTIONSOrganization

The cooperators have been tentatively grouped and assigned to areas on the basis of their requests or their known familiarity with those areas. To simplify coordination and reporting, one leader has been named for each area. Maps and other special instructions about each area will be sent to the leader alone.

Each group may be organized internally according to the wishes of its members. For example, portions of an area may be parceled out to members, each working separately, or the group may prefer to work closely together at all times. However, the leader will be responsible for his entire area, and will assemble the separate reports for transmittal to me.

The present list of cooperators and assignments is attached. There is nothing unchangeable about this. If any of you would like to alter your role in this census, please do not hesitate to write me. If you have other friends you would like to enlist, go right ahead. We have no desire to be exclusive; our only concern is to have workers who are reliable and interested. The present list consists of people who have specifically volunteered, including several who participated ten years ago and have been given responsibility for the same areas again. If any of you would like to participate more extensively than assigned here, feel free to get in touch with any of the other leaders with whom you would like to join. I have included addresses to facilitate correspondence between you.

So that I may be sure each area is covered, I would appreciate a prompt note of acceptance from each assigned leader.

Areas to be searched

As all of these cooperators know, the Kirtland's Warbler is to be found nesting only in extensive, nearly homogeneous stands of Christmas-tree-size pines on sandy soil with low and sparse ground cover. All spontaneous growths will be of jack pines, but plantings may be either jack or red pines. Experience suggests that the proper conditions will be found only in areas that have been burned or planted with pines in the last 25 years within the known range of the warbler. Therefore, these assignments ignore pinelands in other parts of the state, such as the Manistee National Forest which is nearby and in places looks promising, or parts of the Upper Peninsula which have extensive growths of small pines. However, if any of the cooperators hear of such areas and find it convenient to check them, we hope they will do so.

