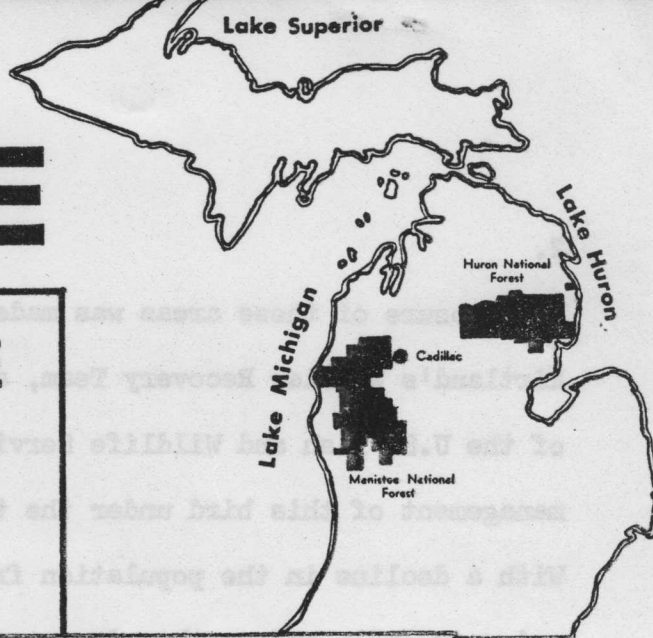


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The Kirtland's Warbler, an endangered and declining species of bird has been given added protection on its nesting range. Jay Cravens, Regional Forester for the U. S. Forest Service in Milwaukee has ordered three areas used by this species for nesting on the Huron National Forest closed to entry except by authorized conducted tours between May 1 and August 15. A similar closing is being made on nesting areas on State Forests by order of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Those people wishing to view this bird on its nesting grounds may still do so. Entry will be permitted only by conducted tours on selected areas. The Forest Service will be making such tours daily out of its Ranger Station at Mio starting May 17. For further information write or call the District Ranger, Huron National Forest, Mio, Michigan 48647 (Phone 517+826-3717). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be conducting tours that will originate daily at the DNR Fish Hatchery in Grayling, Michigan. Phone No.. 517+348-6371.

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