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SUBJECT: Update^{No. 1} on Ohio Wildlife Unit project on Kirtland's Warblers

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Since the Kirtland's Warbler work that we will be doing involves many people scattered over a fairly wide area, it seems wise for us to prepare monthly updates reporting our activities and describing plans for the future. I anticipate that they will vary considerably in length, but we'll try to insure that one gets into the mail by the end of each month. I've made up a tentative distribution list; please let me know if there are others who should be on the list or if you do not wish to receive the reports. In addition, I hope you will all feel free to contact me at any time about the project. If you have suggestions for general consideration, we'll add them to the next update so that it can become a sort of mini-newsletter.

There have been three major developments during the past month. First, Jim Engel called me recently with the news that our project is in the federal budget for the coming fiscal year which starts October 1. This doesn't guarantee that we will get funding, but it is an excellent sign - the first tangible one we've had about the coming year.

Second, I am happy to report that I have recruited a student, Carol *[Boettig]* Young, to work on the project. Carol is a graduate of the University of Florida at Gainesville. She has impressive credentials - both academic and in terms of work experience - for the job, and I am looking forward to having all of you meet her as time permits.

And finally, I applied to the Columbus Zoo for permission to conduct the project on their grounds and with the assistance of their staff. A few weeks ago their research committee reviewed my proposal and approved it. I am extremely pleased by this development because it will make available to our project the extensive avicultural expertise of the Zoo staff. They will take responsibility for much of the feeding and general maintenance of the birds, and we will reimburse them. In addition, they have allocated a portion of one of their buildings for the project at no cost to us, so we will have a protected, heated site to build our aviaries in.

A few words about our schedule for the next few months. Carol will be able to start on the project in mid June. She'll spend the summer in Michigan studying Nashville Warblers (our surrogate for KW's). In the coming week or two I'll be talking with the KW Recovery Team and the Michigan DNR to determine whether Carol should also participate in some of the KW work, perhaps the annual survey and/or the Mack Lake Burn Area study to become familiar with KW's too. Here is a very tentative schedule for the summer for Carol and I.

*Also, see
last pg. for
summary of
our goals.*

