

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE AND MICHIGAN AUDUBON SOCIETY

In accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661, and the Endangered Species of Fish and Wildlife Act 16 U.S.C. 668, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Branch of Population Management and the Michigan Audubon Society are engaged in activities relating to the recovery of the Kirtland's warbler from endangered status. These activities, conducted also in cooperation with the United States Forest Service, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and other local cooperators, are taking place primarily on state and Federal lands in portions of Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties, Michigan. In order to gain and hold public support for the management activities underway, it is important that information on the Kirtland's warbler and on program activities be readily available to area visitors. At the same time it is essential that public activity on the Kirtland's warbler project area be controlled to prevent interference with warbler nesting and with management activities being conducted during the period of approximately April 28 to July 10, 1974. To achieve these goals the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Branch of Population Management will recruit, employ and train a wildlife-oriented student to assist in disseminating information on program activities to the public in the Grayling, Michigan area. The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife will supervise the activities of this cooperative employee and will work closely with the major cooperators to insure that mutually desirable goals are attained.

The assigned activities for the cooperative employee are anticipated to require about seven weeks total of employment, with emphasis on providing information and guidance to the public during the peak tourist period of May 22 to July 3. The total cost for the services of this employee, including local travel and miscellaneous expenses, is estimated to be about \$1,300. The Michigan Audubon Society will provide \$800 to support this project; the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife will provide the balance. This agreement will become effective upon signing and will terminate on July 12, 1974.

For the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife;  
U. S. Department of the Interior

For the Michigan Audubon Society

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Regional Director

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President

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Regional Director

March 29, 1974

Regional Supervisor, Division of P&A(PM)

Cooperative Agreement with Michigan Audubon Society

At a recent meeting of the Kirtland's Warbler Advisory Committee, in which we participated, the necessity for a public relations type temporary position in the Grayling-Mio area of Michigan during the peak of the warbler nesting season was discussed. The group felt it was essential that we gain and hold public support for the management activities being conducted, while at the same time controlling public activity on the project area to prevent interference with both warbler nesting and cowbird trapping. It was suggested that the Bureau recruit such an employee and that cooperative funds would be obtained if we were able to find a likely candidate. We have proceeded in this direction and have signed up a female employee with an excellent background for this type of program. The Michigan Audubon Society has agreed to provide \$800 which essentially will provide salary costs. As this employee will also be assisting us in the cowbird reduction program, we intend to supplement the account with sufficient funds to cover local travel and other expenses.

Upon joint signing of the cooperative agreement, we will establish a reimbursable account and will employ Miss Judith Alderson on a temporary intermittent basis, commencing on April 29 with a specific five day training and orientation. This will be an excellent opportunity for her to observe all phases of the Kirtland's warbler management activities so that she will be thoroughly prepared to commence presentation of public information programs in late May.

George G. P. Bekeris

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April 1, 1974

Mr. Robert Bradburn, President  
Michigan Audubon Society  
1009 St. Joseph Avenue  
St. Joseph, Michigan 49085

Dear Mr. Bradburn:

In accordance with your discussions with Assistant State Supervisor Shake, we have drawn up the enclosed Cooperative Agreement covering the temporary employment of a wildlife-oriented student to assist in disseminating information to the public on Kirtland's warbler program activities in the Grayling, Michigan area this summer. If you concur with the terms, will you please sign both copies of the Agreement. A self-addressed envelope has been included for your return of the original signed agreement to this office.

We have made a commitment to Miss Judith Alderson, who will be graduating from the University of Wisconsin at Madison next month. Miss Alderson has excellent background to carry on the type of public information program we desire. We intend to employ her first for a specific five day training and orientation period beginning on April 29. This is the time when our District field personnel assemble on the project area to activate the cowbird traps for the current season. With this exposure to the program, she should be well prepared to meet the public once she starts a regular work schedule on May 22.

We appreciate this opportunity to cooperate once again with the Michigan Audubon Society in a worthwhile effort to restore the Kirtland's warbler to a non-endangered status. Please feel free to call upon Mr. Shake or myself at any time to discuss aspects of the Cooperative Agreement or any other facet of our program.

Sincerely,

Wesley R. Jones, Chief  
Branch of Population Management  
Division of Planning & Assistance

cc: Asst. State Supvr., Popl. Mgt., Lansing  
State Supervisor, Popl. Mgt., Columbus

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