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Dear Harold,

Thanks very much for the clipping about a new technique for monitoring bees by installing an extremely lightweight infrared microchip. I received it just before I went to Michigan to assist in color-marking Kirtland's, and was therefore able to question Cam about it. He was aware of the technique, and expects that it may be valuable in the future, but that it will not be sufficiently developed to be of value in the current research effort. This is too bad, because we decided to curtail all radio work until more data is in on the survival of birds that had been radioed last year. With an extremely small sample, early indications were that fewer radioed birds were returning. As more of last years marked birds are recorded this decision may be reversed, but it is appropriate to be on the safe side.

The drought and summer heat had a serious negative effect on the research activities, and probably on the warblers also; it appeared that there were no second or late broods. In spite of this, it seems that the color-marking goals can be reached. I have great expectations that this research phase will be very productive.

We had a meeting locally of WDNR personnel to plan activities for next year re KWs. I am pleased that the interest is there... the actual magnitude of effort will be contingent on funding. WDNR will be represented at our KWRT meeting/symposium in February.

See you at the above big blowout!

Sincerely,

Wes