

KIRTLAND'S WARBLER RECOVERY TEAM

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FROM: John Byelich, Leader, K.W. Recovery Team

SUBJECT: Instructions to the Kirtland's Warbler Committee
On Research

Concern was voiced at our last meeting in February this year, regarding the direction that the various research projects are taking. There is a feeling that there may be duplication of effort and/or unnecessary effort. It appears the team has difficulty directing all of the research proposed and currently under way. To assist the team in directing the course of the Kirtland's Warbler research program I, for the team, am requesting that the following individuals serve on the Kirtland's Warbler Research Committee:

Sylvia Taylor, MDNR, Mio, Michigan
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I am asking that Sylvia Taylor serve as the Chairperson.

It will be the committee's responsibility:

1. To collect, review and assemble all completed Kirtland's Warbler research projects and deposit copies with the Houghton Lake Research Station library, or other desirable location.
2. To assure that reports on the status of active research studies are presented at each Recovery Team meeting.
3. Chart out the next phases of needed research, emphasizing what we most need to know and the direction future research should take.
4. Report back to the recovery team so that, where necessary, changes can be made in the Plan.

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The committee will be responsible for holding regular meetings for soliciting input from other agencies and interest groups and for reporting twice each year to the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team. Please set up a spring meeting and report your progress at the next regular Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team meeting.

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