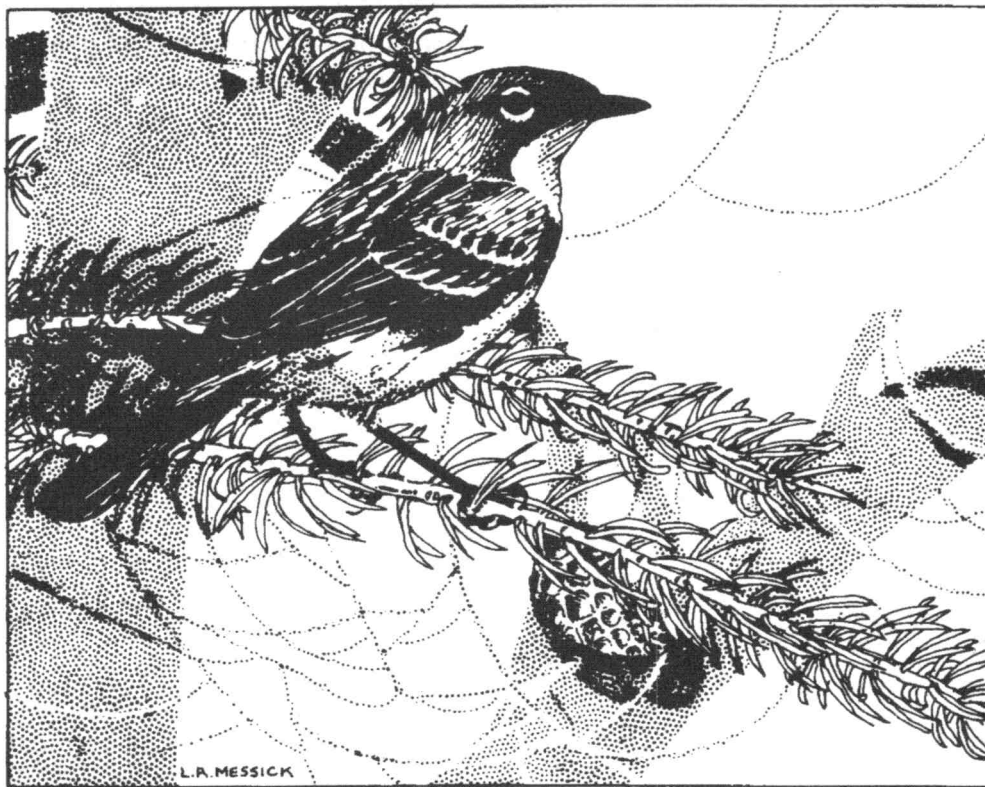


STRATEGY FOR KIRTLAND'S WARBLER HABITAT MANAGEMENT

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FOREWORD

In 1981, the Kirtland's Warbler Management Plan for Habitat in Michigan (1981 Management Plan) was set in motion under the direction of the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team. This plan described the action that was needed to maintain and develop nesting habitat for the Kirtland's warbler. Habitat management was one of the major objectives outlined in the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Plan. Information, maps and guidelines were provided that coordinated timber management with known nesting requirements of the Kirtland's warbler.

Today, our task is one of reviewing, updating and revising this original plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), USDA Forest Service (USFS) and USDI Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are the agencies responsible for habitat management oversight. The **STRATEGY FOR KIRTLAND'S WARBLER HABITAT MANAGEMENT** (Strategy) is intended for land managers and incorporates review of past practices and analysis of current conditions. Also included are changes based on new findings that will continue to conserve and enhance the status of this endangered songbird.

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