

**Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team
Summer Meeting Agenda
July 18–20, 2023
Sault Ste. Marie, MI**



DAY ONE (Tuesday, July 18)

A1. 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM – In-person registration at the Kewadin Casino

B1. 12:00 – 1:00 PM – Lunch

C1. 1:00 – 1:15 PM – Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview (Carol Bocetti, Steve Roels)

D1. 1:15 – 1:20 PM – Welcome to Hiawatha National Forest (Shannon Rische)

E1. 1:20 – 1:50 PM – Opening Keynote: Co-Stewardship in Boreal Forest Ecosystems (Eric Clark)

F1. 1:50 – 2:40 PM – Breeding Range Subcommittee

1. Status of Conservation Plan update (15 minutes; Phil Huber)
2. Wilderness Trail Fire (10 minutes; Keith Kintigh)
3. 2023 Planting Season and Drought Effects (5 minutes; Keith Kintigh)
4. Discussion: Tracking experimental jack pine forestry sites (20 minutes; Keith Kintigh, Phil Huber)

G1. 2:40 – 2:50 PM ** Afternoon Break (10 minutes) **

H1. 2:50 – 4:00 PM – Monitoring Subcommittee

1. Monitoring guidance for habitat experiments (15 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
2. Cowbird monitoring (5 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
3. 2023 Census results
 - a. USFS (20 minutes; Eric O'Neil, Paul Thompson)
 - b. Michigan DNR (15 minutes; Keith Kintigh)
 - c. Wisconsin DNR (5 minutes; Davin Lopez)
 - d. Ontario (5 minutes; Ken Tuininga)
4. Bahamas Winter Rainfall (5 minutes; Steve Roels)

I1. 4:00 – 5:00 PM – Non-breeding Range Subcommittee

1. Bahamas National Trust update (30 minutes; Falon Cartwright, Ancilleno Davis)
2. Habitat mapping project (10 minutes; Mike Akresh, Demonica Brown)
3. Potential 2025 workshop in The Bahamas (5 minutes; Mike Akresh, Ancilleno Davis)
4. ABC-BNT 2023 field trip (15 minutes; Steve Roels, Dave Ewert)

J1. 6:00 – 7:00 PM – Dinner

DAY TWO (Wednesday, July 19)

A2. 8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast

B2. 9:00 – 9:10 AM – KWCT Organization and New Steering Committee Members (Steve Roels)

C2. 9:10 – 9:30 AM – Migration records (Mike Petrucha)

D2. 9:30 – 10:00 AM – Jack Pine Research Group

1. Past, present, and future of the Jack Pine Research Group (10 minutes; Jason Hartman)
2. Research updates (10 minutes; David Rothstein and Joe Young)
3. Soil data (10 minutes; David Rothstein)

E2. 10:00 – 10:50 AM – Expanding the Breeding Range Working Group

1. Hiawatha National Forest (5 minutes; Paul Thompson)
2. Ottawa National Forest (5 minutes; Brianne Boan)
3. Michigan State Forest planning process (5 minutes; Sherry MacKinnon)
4. Letter in support of KW management in the U.P. (5 minutes; Carol Bocetti)
5. The Nature Conservancy's Central Sands of Wisconsin Program (15 minutes; Hannah Butkiewicz)
6. American Bird Conservancy's Sand Valley Project (5 minutes; Linnea Rowse)
7. Cowbird management in Wisconsin (10 minutes; Davin Lopez)

F2. 10:50 – 11:00 AM ** Morning Break (10 minutes) **

G2. 11:00 – 11:30 AM – Ontario Kirtland's Warbler Working Group and Friends

1. Ganaraska Project (10 minutes; Ken Tuininga)
2. Packard Tract (5 minutes; Ken Tuininga)
3. New habitat opportunity on Georgian Bay, Ontario (15 minutes; Dylan Panamick, Peter Burke)

H2. 11:30 AM – 12:20 PM – Human Dimensions Subcommittee

1. Coffee Talk (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
2. Jack pine planting day (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
3. Kirtland's Warbler Festival (5 minutes; Mike Petrucha)
4. Michigan outreach – Spring/Summer 2023 (5 minutes; Dana Meder)
5. Bahamas outreach (5 minutes; Ancilleno Davis)
6. KWCT newsletter and website (5 minutes; Steve Roels)
7. Camp Grayling expansion (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
8. Mass timber (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
9. Tower lighting (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
10. State bird legislation (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)

I2. 12:20 – 1:20 PM – Lunch

J2. 1:20 – 1:30 PM – Kirtland's Warbler Alliance Update (Bill Rapai)

K2. 1:30 – 2:00 PM – Northern Pine Plains Partnership (Steve Woods)

L2. 2:00 – 2:05 PM – Kirtland's Warbler Archive Project (Mike Petrucha)

M2. 2:05 – 2:25 PM – Long-term Fund Ad Hoc Subcommittee

1. Long-term Fund governance document (5 minutes; Dave Ewert)
2. American Bird Conservancy donor field trips (5 minutes; Dave Ewert, Shawn Graff)
3. Long-term Funds balance updates (10 minutes; Shawn Graff, Jennifer Kleitch)

N2. 2:25 – 2:35 PM ** Afternoon Break (10 minutes) **

O2. 2:35 – 3:10 PM – Kirtland’s Warbler Research

1. *Deciphering survival and habitat use between the breeding and post-breeding periods for adult and juvenile Kirtland’s Warblers* (15 minutes; Haley Haradon)
2. *Kirtland’s Warbler habitat use, reproductive success, and fledgling survival in red pine-dominated plantations in Wisconsin* (20 minutes; Ashley Olah)

P2. 3:10 – 3:15 PM – KWCT Presentations (Carol Bocetti)

Q2. 3:15 – 3:20 PM – Discussion of Winter 2024 meeting dates (Carol Bocetti)

R2. 3:20 – 3:25 PM – Field trip overview (Paul Thompson)

S2. 3:25 – 3:30 PM – KWCT meeting feedback request (Steve Roels)

T2. 3:30 – 5:00 PM – Subcommittee and working group brainstorming sessions (optional)

U2. 6:00 – 7:00 PM – Dinner



DAY THREE (Thursday, July 20)

A3. 7:00 – 8:00 AM – Breakfast

B3. 8:00 – 8:30 AM – Hotel check-out

C3. 8:30 – 12:00 PM – Field tour of the Raco jack pine ecosystem: Engaging Anishinaabe and Western science to build resilient remnant boreal forest ecosystems (Eric Clark, Paul Thompson, Sam Barnes, Brian Wolvert)

The field tour will visit a series of sites that demonstrate co-stewardship of national forest lands. Sites includes a Kirtland’s Warbler reforestation area that demonstrates site preparation methods, a Sharp-tailed Grouse management area created with prescribed fire and enhanced with warm season grasses, and Betchler’s Marsh, a peatland/fen site.