

**Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team
Summer Meeting Agenda
August 6 – 8, 2024
Kirtland Community College
Grayling, MI**



DAY ONE (Tuesday, August 6)

A1. 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM – In-person sign-in

B1. 12:00 – 1:00 PM – Lunch

C1. 1:00 – 1:10 PM – Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview (Carol Bocetti, Steve Roels)

D1. 1:10 – 1:40 PM – Opening Keynote: “Weaving landscape-scale biodiversity into Kirtland’s warbler conservation” (Tyler Bassett, Michigan Natural Features Inventory)

E1. 1:40 – 2:50 PM – Breeding Range Subcommittee

1. Overview of core breeding habitat shortfall (10 minutes; Michael Wells)
2. Agency work to address the shortfall
 - a. Michigan DNR (10 minutes; Erin Victory, Jennifer Kleitch)
 - b. USFWS (10 minutes; Sara Siekierski, Lindsay Grayson)
 - c. USFS (5 minutes; Eric O’Neil)
3. Status of Conservation Plan revision (10 minutes; Phil Huber)
4. Experimental jack pine forestry sites (10 minutes; Phil Huber, Erin Victory)
5. 2024 KW survey results (5 minutes; MDNR, USFS staff)
6. Discussion (10 minutes)

F1. 2:50 – 3:00 PM ** Afternoon Break (10 minutes) **

G1. 3:00 – 3:55 PM – Monitoring Subcommittee

1. Overview of 2024 monitoring themes (10 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
2. Pairing rate research (10 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
3. 2025 census preparations (10 minutes; Bill Rapai)
4. Transect spacing test (15 minutes; Dana Meder)
5. 2025 cowbird monitoring planning (5 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
6. Bahamas Winter Rainfall (5 minutes; Steve Roels)

H1. 3:55 – 5:05 PM – Non-breeding Range Subcommittee

1. Winter habitat mapping project (15 minutes; Giselle Deane)
2. Winter home range research (15 minutes; Mike Akresh)
3. Ecotourism development in The Bahamas (15 minutes; Dave Ewert)
4. ABC initiatives in The Bahamas (15 minutes; Steve Roels)
 - a. Community Engagement Fellowship
 - b. One Eleuthera plant propagation and nature interpretive trail
5. Migration sightings (10 minutes; Mike Petrucha)

DAY TWO (Wednesday, August 7)

A2. 9:00 – 9:10 AM – KWCT Steering Committee: New Members and Tribal Engagement (Steve Roels)

B2. 9:10 – 9:30 AM – Research Talk: Full annual cycle research update (Nathan Cooper)

C2. 9:30 – 10:00 AM – Jack Pine Research Group

1. Research update (15 minutes; David Rothstein and Joe Young)
2. Testing fire management for barrens and KW habitat (15 minutes; Jason Hartman)

D2. 10:00 – 10:15 AM – Masticator Grant Award (Jason Hartman and Jennifer Kleitch)

E2. 10:15 – 10:50 AM – Expanding the Breeding Range Working Group

1. Expanding the breeding range overview (5 minutes; Shawn Graff)
2. Hiawatha National Forest (5 minutes; Shawn Graff on behalf of Paul Thompson)
3. Ottawa National Forest (5 minutes; Brianne Boan)
4. Michigan State Forest (5 minutes; Sherry MacKinnon)
5. Wisconsin DNR (10 minutes; Davin Lopez, Grace Whitten)
6. The Nature Conservancy Central Sands (5 minutes; Hannah Butkiewicz)

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

G2. 11:00 – 11:45 AM – Ontario Kirtland's Warbler Working Group

1. Packard Tract (5 minutes; Peter Burke)
2. Parry Sound (15 minutes; Dylan Panamick, Lucas Foerster, Peter Burke)
3. Featherstone restoration (10 minutes; Ben Walters)
4. Ontario habitat suitability analysis (15 minutes; Jordan Steinman, Rylee Goerlitz, Laura Cobham)

H2. 11:45 AM – 12:40 PM – Human Dimensions Subcommittee

1. Kirtland's Warbler Festival (5 minutes; Mike Petrucha)
2. Michigan outreach and KW calendar (5 minutes; Dana Meder)
3. Bahamas outreach (5 minutes; Lakeisha Wallace)
4. Jack pine planting day (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
5. Tower lighting (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
6. Frontier Airlines (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
7. Mass timber (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
8. Ecosystem services study (10 minutes; Bill Rapai)
9. English name change (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
10. KWCT newsletter and website (5 minutes; Steve Roels)

I2. 12:40 – 1:40 PM – Lunch

J2. 1:40 – 1:50 PM – Kirtland's Warbler Alliance Update (Bill Volz)

K2. 1:50 – 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 – 2:30 PM – Fundraising Updates

1. American Bird Conservancy donor field trips (10 minutes; Steve Roels)
2. ABC Long-term Funds balance update and award process (10 minutes; Shawn Graff)
3. MDNR KW dedicated account balance update (5 minutes; Jennifer Kleitch)

N2. 2:30 – 2:35 PM – Discussion of Winter 2025 meeting dates (Carol Bocetti)

O2. 2:35 – 2:45 PM – Field trip overview (Jason Hartman, Dana Meder)

P2. 2:45 – 2:50 PM – KWCT meeting feedback request (Steve Roels)

Q2. 2:50 – 4:00 PM – Subcommittee and working group brainstorming sessions (optional)

DAY THREE (Thursday, August 8)

A3. 8:30 – 12:00 PM – Field tour: Adaptive Landscape Management for Multiple Ecosystem Objectives (Jason Hartman, David Rothstein, Phil Huber, Dana Meder)

The field tour will visit a series of sites that showcase adaptive management on the Mio Plateau, the decisions that land managers need to make to balance competing objectives, and management tools that facilitate landscape-scale management. The tour will stop at the Wilderness Trail Fire (2023), an experimental jack pine mastication site, and the Valley Road dry sand prairie.