

**Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team**  
**Winter Meeting Agenda**  
**February 13, 2024**  
**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM ET**



**A. 10:00 – 10:10 AM – Welcome, Introductions, and Overview (Steve Roels, KWCT Coordinator)**

**B. 10:10 – 10:50 AM – Land Management with Dynamic Forest Blocks (Jeff Larkin)**

**C. 10:50 AM – 12:15 PM – Breeding Range Subcommittee and Ontario KW Working Group**

1. Habitat Accomplishments for 2023 (20 minutes; Michael Wells)
2. Jack Pine Research Working Group
  - a. Results of stand thinning research (5 minutes; David Rothstein)
  - b. Stage age distribution problem and ongoing research (5 minutes; David Rothstein)
  - c. Biomass market and plant closures (10 minutes; David Rothstein, Jason Hartman)
  - d. Interagency planning and masticator grant proposal (5 minutes; Jason Hartman)
3. Expanding the Breeding Range Working Group
  - a. Hiawatha National Forest (5 minutes; Paul Thompson)
  - b. Ottawa National Forest (5 minutes; Brianne Boan)
  - c. Michigan DNR Upper Peninsula forest management plan (5 minutes; Sherry MacKinnon)
  - d. Wisconsin DNR (5 minutes; Davin Lopez)
  - e. ABC private lands engagement (5 minutes; Shawn Graff)
4. Ontario Kirtland's Warbler Working Group
  - a. Simcoe County sites (5 minutes; Ken Tuininga)
  - b. Parry Sound fire footprint and Featherstone project (5 minutes; Peter Burke)
5. Status of Conservation Plan Update (5 minutes; Steve Roels)

**D. 12:15 – 1:00 PM \*\* Lunch Break (45 minutes) \*\***

**E. 1:00 – 1:30 PM – Non-breeding Range Subcommittee**

1. Habitat Mapping (10 minutes; Mike Akresh, Giselle Deane, Demonica Brown, Cole Scrivner)
2. Motus Towers (5 minutes; Giselle Deane)
3. University of The Bahamas Research Station (5 minutes; Ancilleno Davis)
4. ABC Initiatives (10 minutes; Steve Roels)
  - a. Black torch and White sage propagation at One Eleuthera
  - b. One Eleuthera interpretive trail
  - c. Conservation and Justice Fellowship

**F. 1:30 – 2:00 PM – Human Dimensions Subcommittee**

1. Outreach Report (10 minutes; Mike Petrucha)
2. Kirtland's Warbler Festival (5 minutes; Mike Petrucha)
3. Communications Tower Lighting (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
4. Other Updates (10 minutes; Bill Rapai)

**G. 2:00 – 2:25 PM – Monitoring Subcommittee**

1. Kirtland's Warbler Monitoring

- a. Agency plans for 2024 and transect spacing test (10 minutes; Eric O'Neil)
- b. Monitoring of habitat experiments (5 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
2. Cowbird Monitoring (10 minutes; Nathan Cooper)

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

**I. 2:35 – 2:45 PM – Kirtland's Warbler Alliance Updates (Bill Rapai)**

**J. 2:45 – 2:55 PM – ABC Long-term Fund Balance and Fundraising Tours (Steve Roels)**

**K. 2:55 – 3:10 PM – KWCT Coordinator (Steve Roels)**

1. KWCT Media: Newsletter and Website (5 minutes)
2. Oversight Subcommittee and Coordinator Goals for 2024 (5 minutes)
3. New Steering Committee members (5 minutes)

**L. 3:10 – 3:20 PM – Summer Meeting Dates and Location (Carol Bocetti, Steve Roels)**

**M. 3:20 – 3:45 PM – Road 2 Recovery**

1. Overview (5 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
2. Self-assessment Tool (10 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
3. Engagement with R2R (10 minutes; Carol Bocetti, Steve Roels)

**N. 3:45 – 4:00 PM – Buffer Time!**

*Meeting Adjourns at 4:00 PM*

