

Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team
Winter Meeting Agenda
February 11, 2025
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM ET



- A. 10:00 – 10:10 AM – Welcome (Phil Huber, KWCT Chair and Steve Roels, KWCT Coordinator)**
- B. 10:10 – 10:40 AM – “Exploring the Impact of Strong Bottlenecks on Genetic Load Dynamics: Implications for Future Conservation” (Anna Maria Calderon)**
- C. 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM – Breeding Range Subcommittee and Ontario KW Working Group**
1. Breeding Range meetings in 2025: Topics and Objectives (5 minutes; Steve Roels)
 2. Habitat Accomplishments for 2024 (15 minutes; Michael Wells)
 3. Jack Pine Research Working Group
 - a. Climate effects on tree growth and mortality (15 minutes; Joe Young)
 - b. Jack Pine Commission (5 minutes; Jason Hartman)
 4. 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. Nature Conservancy/ABC project (5 minutes; Pat Weber)
 5. Ontario Kirtland's Warbler Working Group
 - a. French River Provincial Park (5 minutes; Peter Burke)
 - b. Federal government status report (5 minutes; Ken Tuininga)
 - c. Featherstone project (5 minutes; Ben Walters)
 - d. Algonquin Provincial Park (5 minutes; Ben Walters and Peter Burke)
 6. Status of Conservation Plan Update (5 minutes; Phil Huber)
- D. 12:10 – 1:00 PM ** Lunch Break (50 minutes) ****
- E. 1:00 – 1:40 PM – Non-breeding Range Subcommittee**
1. Habitat Mapping (10 minutes; Mike Akresh, Cole Scrivner, and Giselle Deane)
 2. Expedition to South Andros (5 minutes; Giselle Deane)
 3. Scientific Permitting Update and Publication (5 minutes; Mike Akresh and Nathan Cooper)
 4. Outreach Trip to San Salvador (5 minutes; Anastacia Rigby)
 5. University of The Bahamas Field Station (5 minutes; Steve Roels on behalf of Ancilleno Davis)
 6. ABC Initiatives
 - a. One Eleuthera collaborations: plant propagation and trail (5 minutes; Steve Roels)
 - b. Conservation and Justice Fellowship (5 minutes; Alvanna Johnson)
- F. 1:40 – 2:10 PM – Human Dimensions Subcommittee**
1. Outreach and Education (15 minutes; Bill Rapai, Mike Petrucha, Dana Meder, and Craig Kasmer)
 2. KWCT Newsletter and Website (5 minutes, Steve Roels)
 3. KW Economics (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)
 4. Other Updates (5 minutes; Bill Rapai)

G. 2:10 – 2:50 PM – Monitoring Subcommittee

1. Cowbird Monitoring Update (5 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
 - a. Report on BBS / eBird trends of cowbirds
 - b. Nest parasitism monitoring and four-year cycle
2. Experimental Habitat Monitoring in 2025 (5 minutes; Linnea Rowse and Deahn Donner)
3. Future Demographic Monitoring (15 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
 - a. Monitoring needs
 - b. Funding and capacity challenges
4. What is Experimental Habitat? (10 minutes; Michael Wells)
 - a. Summary of recent discussions
 - b. Roles of Monitoring and Breeding Range subcommittees
5. 2025 Census (5 minutes; Nathan Cooper)
 - a. Confirmation that all jurisdictions are conducting census in 2025
 - b. Dates for volunteer sign up

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

I. 3:00 – 3:10 PM – Kirtland’s Warbler Alliance Updates (Bill Rapai)

J. 3:10 – 3:25 PM – ABC Kirtland’s Warbler Long-term Fund

1. Disbursement Policy and Request for Proposals (Dave Ewert, 10 minutes)
2. Fund Balance and 2025 Disbursement (5 minutes; Shawn Graff)

K. 3:25 – 3:40 PM – KWCT Coordinator (Steve Roels)

1. New Steering Committee Members (5 minutes)
2. KWCT Charter (5 minutes)
3. Status of the Steering Committee Chair (5 minutes)

L. 3:40 – 3:50 PM – Summer Meeting Dates and Location (Phil Huber and Steve Roels)

M. 3:50 – 4:00 PM – Buffer Time!

Meeting Adjourns at 4:00 PM

