



Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team and MiBCI Open Workshop

March 15, 2017

8:30am-4:00pm

Kirtland Community College, Health Sciences Building

4800 W. 4 Mile Road

Grayling, MI 49738

Workshop Goal:

Gather bird enthusiasts and conservation partners together for networking, partnership and information sharing!

Workshop Objectives:

1. Share information on important bird conservation efforts in the Great Lakes region.
2. Share information on 2016 accomplishments for Kirtland's Warbler conservation programs and current efforts on the species' breeding range, nonbreeding range and raising outreach programs.
3. Provide opportunity for feedback on developments and priorities of the Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team.
4. Have fun!

8:30 AM Registration and Networking (Coffee, Tea, Snacks Provided)

9:00 AM Welcome! Abigail Ertel, Huron Pines

9:15 AM Michigan's Wildlife Action Plan and Bird Conservation – Amy Derosier, MDNR

Michigan's Wildlife Action Plan was developed by conservation partners across the state and provides a framework for proactive conservation and management of rare and declining species. The plan highlights priority habitats and focal species, and key actions needed to help reach identified goals.

9:45 AM Updates from the Midwest Coordinated Bird Monitoring Program – Katie Koch, USFWS

Since 2009, the Midwest Coordinated Bird Monitoring Partnership has made great strides to address the monitoring needs of many bird species throughout Michigan and broader Midwest region. Katie will showcase accomplishments and new datasets made possible through strong Michigan participation, and highlight future opportunities for Michigan Bird Conservation Partners to help birds in greatest need.

10:15 AM Current Conservation Efforts for Piping Plover and Kirtland's Warbler

- Great Lakes Piping Plover: Status of Recovery Efforts, 2017 - Vince Cavalieri, USFWS
In 2016 Great Lakes Piping Plovers continued their expansion into historic parts of their range. We will discuss the status of the recovery effort; including habitat restoration efforts, continued nesting protection at key sites, efforts to survey new locations and plans for the 2017 field season.
- Kirtland's Warbler from "Endangered" to "Threatened" Status - Scott Hicks, USFWS
In 2017, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to propose reclassifying Kirtland's warbler from an "Endangered" to a "Threatened" species status. We will provide background on the "down-listing" process, what it means for the species and why we are taking this action now.

10:45 AM Break

- 11:00 AM Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Program Updates**
- [2016 Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Program Accomplishments](#) – Chris Mensing, USFWS
Key accomplishments from the past year's work in the areas of cowbird trapping, habitat management, census, nonbreeding season efforts and research for the Kirtland's Warbler.
 - [A Different Approach to Monitoring Kirtland's Warbler](#) - MDNR
A brief overview and update on work by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Michigan State University on future Kirtland's Warbler monitoring.

- 11:30 AM Exploring new approaches to management of jack pine in Kirtland's Warbler Country - Dr. David Rothstein, MSU**
- An update on findings to date from research on a USDA-funded project on jack pine silviculture and research plans for the upcoming year. Information on efforts to better understand the financial sustainability of jack pine and role of experimental habitat in Kirtland's Warbler management will also be shared.*

12:00 PM Lunch

- 1:00 PM Developments of the Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team and What's Next! - Abigail Ertel**
- A look at the past year's milestones in development of the Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team, activities that have moved the transition forward and what some next steps are for 2017.*

- 1:20 PM Updates and key developments of the Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team Priority Subcommittees**
- Reporting of key developments, plans and details from the priority subcommittees of the Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team with time for questions, feedback and input!*
- Breeding Range (45 minutes) – Keith Kintigh, MDNR
 - Human Dimensions and Capacity Building (45 minutes) – Abigail Ertel
 - Nonbreeding Range (45 minutes) – Dave Ewert, The Nature Conservancy

3:35 PM Wrap-Up and Final Thoughts (Abigail Ertel and Katie Koch)

4:00 PM Adjourn

The mission of the Michigan Bird Conservation Initiative is to identify conservation needs and promote active conservation, protection, and restoration of bird populations and their habitats in Michigan through ecologically and biologically based partnerships and actions conducted at multiple spatial scales.

The mission of the Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team is to steward the communication and cooperation among federal, state, non-governmental organizations, Universities and other partners to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Kirtland's Warbler and its breeding, wintering and migratory habitats (associated habitats).

The Kirtland's Warbler Conservation Team and MiBCI would like to thank our supporting partners;

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