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The Kirtland's Warbler is one of the rarest, yet best studied migratory passerines in North America. The one day symposium will provide a comprehensive full life-cycle review of the ecology, demography, distribution, and conservation of the Kirtland's Warbler.  The first speaker will provide an overview of the natural history of the Kirtland's Warbler.  Subsequent speakers will focus on aspects of breeding season demography, management on the breeding grounds, connectivity and migration, winter ecology, population viability analysis, climate change interactions, and projected future work with Kirtland's Warblers.  The symposium will be complemented by a one day field trip to the Kirtland's Warbler breeding grounds in Michigan's northern lower peninsula.

Co-conveners: Dave Ewert and Nathan Cooper

10:30-11:00 History of the Kirtland’s Warbler: Successful conservation leads to anticipated delisting. Carol Bocetti

11:00-11:15 Ecology, distribution and demography of the Kirtland’s Warbler on the breeding grounds: Recent findings.  Sara Rockwell

11:15-11:30. Effects of non-removal of Brown-headed Cowbirds on parasitism rates of Kirtland’s Warbler. Nathan Cooper

BREAK

1:15-1:30. Recent advances in management of the Kirtland’s Warbler on the breeding grounds. Phil Huber

1:30-1:45. Migration routes and connectivity of the Kirtland’s Warbler.  Nathan Cooper

1:45-2:00. Ecology, distribution and survivorship of the Kirtland’s Warbler on the wintering grounds.  Joseph Wunderle, Jr.

2:00-2:15. Population Viability analysis of KW. Donald Brown and Chris Ribic U Wis.

2:15-2:30. Climate change and the KW. Daniel Wolcott and Chris Ribic, U. Wisc.

2:30-2:45 Conservation of the Kirtland’s Warbler:  Future considerations.  Dave Ewert