



The Warble

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It's out! This issue features the 2024 Kirtland's Warbler Weekend schedule.

2024 Kirtland's Warbler Weekend Schedule

Friday Home Opener - Friday May 31, 2024

Marguerite Gahagan Nature Preserve, 585 Southline Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653

8:00 am–10:00 am—Bird Banding Demonstration

5:00 pm—Wine and Beer Tasting with Appetizers

5:00 pm–7:00 pm—Scavenger Hunt

7:00 pm–8:00 pm—Keynote Speaker—Kaitlyn Kelly—Fight for Survival: Michigan's Endangered Butterflies

8:00 pm—Live Auction

Kirtland's Warbler Festival - Saturday June 1, 2024

CRAF Center, 606 Lake Street, Roscommon, MI 48653

7:00 am Registration Desk Opens

7:30 am–9:30 am—1st Field Trip

10:00 am–12:00 pm—2nd Field Trip

10:00 am–4:00 pm—Featured Artist—Sherry Nelson

10:00 am–4:00 pm—Featured Author—Dr. David Evers

10:00 am–4:00 pm—Kid's Tent, Vendors, Agency personnel, Young Artists' Contest artwork display, Door prize drawings, and more

11:30 am and 1:30 pm—Kirtland's Warbler Migration Game—Bill Rapai—Kirtland's Warbler Alliance

12:00 pm–3:00 pm—Children's Entrepreneur Market

Presentations 12:30 pm – 3:40 pm

12:30 pm–1:20 pm—Dr. Steve Roels—American Bird Conservancy—Seeing the Jack Pine Forest for the Species

1:30 pm–2:30 pm—Dr. David Evers—Biodiversity Research Institute—Loons as Indicators of Mercury in the Environment: Local Beginnings to Global Interests

2:40 pm–3:40 pm—Jim McGrath—Nature Discovery—Michigan's Turtles in Trouble

Organization Spotlight: Children's Entrepreneur Market



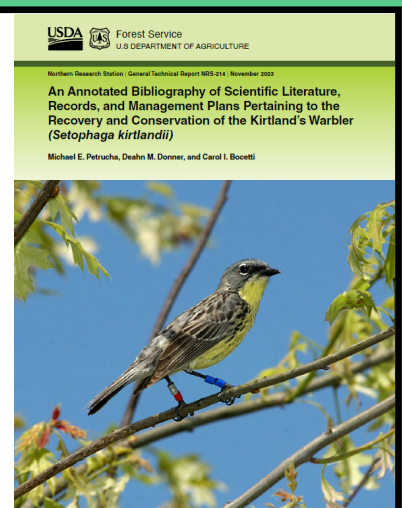
The Children's Entrepreneur Market is an award-winning program that teaches young people about the power of entrepreneurship, innovation and leadership through experiential learning. Kids, ages 5–17, rise to the challenge of deciding what to sell, creating a booth, talking to customers, and handling money. Mom and Dad can help set up, then get to sit back and watch their child run the show.

The Children's Entrepreneur Market was a big hit at the festival in 2023. I'm happy to announce that they will be back in 2024, with over 20 booths to shop from. The "Kid's Market" will be open from Noon to 3 pm.

We now have an Instagram account! www.instagram.com/kwfestival/

New Publication

Hot off the press, well actually the internet, is a new publication: "An Annotated Bibliography of Scientific Literature, Records, and Management Plans Pertaining to the Recovery and Conservation of the Kirtland's Warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*)". It is the most complete compilation of Kirtland's Warbler literature to date containing almost 2,200 sources of literature organized into eight broad categories. This compilation of literature has taken The lead author 30 years to compile and is an ongoing process to keep up to date. Link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/research/treearch/67248>



From the Archives To the left is a photograph from 1944 of a male Kirtland's Warbler in a young Jack Pine taken by Dr. Larry Walkinshaw near Lovells, Michigan. While Walkinshaw (1904–1993) was a dentist by profession, he was also an eminent ornithologist who was an expert on cranes and Kirtland's Warblers, which he studied from 1932–1993. He and his wife spent their honeymoon in a tent studying Kirtland's Warblers and he published *The Kirtland's Warbler* in 1983.

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