



Endorsements for the Kirtland's Warbler Restoration Initiative in Ontario

"Part of the magic of nature is a sense of place. The loss of nature through man's activities brings with it a loss of a sense of place. Not just for the animals we love but also for our human society. We are all connected. Not only do I think that everybody should appreciate nature, but that they should also appreciate how nature engenders a deeper understanding of the places we live. This effort to restore the habitat for Kirtland's Warbler and other important species represents is an opportunity to rebuild a sense of place rooted in the special nature that occurs in southern Ontario. I'm impressed and grateful that a new generation is tackling such an important task."

Robert Bateman, Naturalist and Painter

"This ambitious project to restore the habitat for Kirtland's Warbler and other species in southern Ontario is the type of conservation action that can inspire a generation! Not only will it protect important biodiversity, it will rebuild a "green infrastructure" that benefits us all. I'm very pleased to see the spirit of cooperation going on between American and Canadian agencies to achieve this. It's an example of an enduring cooperation that has successfully protected migratory birds for over 100 years under the Canada US Migratory Bird Act!"



Frank B. Gill
Former Senior Vice President & Director
for Science,
National Audubon
Society

"Considering southern Ontario has the highest concentrations of biodiversity in Canada, it has the lowest coverage of government parks and relies heavily on private protected areas to conserve all the species that live here, especially in a region which has some of the highest population densities in North America. This effort to restore the habitat for Kirtland's Warbler and other specialist and at-risk species in southern Ontario provides an exciting framework for restoring and establishing more natural areas by combining the efforts of private conservation efforts with government and a variety of local community groups."

**Michael S.W. Bradstreet
Former Senior Vice-president,
New Conservation Strategies, Nature Conservancy of Canada**

"The benefits of the proposed habitat restoration work for the Kirtland's Warbler in this project will impact this important Species at Risk as well as many other critical species that support biodiversity and ecological success in southern Ontario. Ensuring adequate habitat restoration, active stewardship and conservation engagement, and sound scientific monitoring in these proposed areas will undoubtedly make a positive contribution towards the recovery strategy for Kirtland's Warblers that the project partners in Canada and the US are dedicated to achieving through this initiative."

**Patrick Nadeau
President & CEO, Birds Canada / Président-directeur
général, Oiseaux Canada**



"Growing populations of and habitat for this globally rare species has so many direct and indirect benefits. Elevating and expanding the existing conservation success story of Kirtland's Warbler to include cutting edge science to characterize movements of these birds in Ontario, a diverse and supportive local community in a forward thinking project with ecological and societal benefits, ecosystem restoration to reverse losses from previous human activities - including its species, functions, and services, and continued support to grow this species' populations, that's a front page story, a real win for conservation. This project has all the hallmarks of exactly the sorts of solutions we need now for a planet pushed to the brink by some human activities."

Andrew Farnsworth,
Senior Research Associate, Center for Avian Population Studies,
Cornell Lab of Ornithology



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