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Upcoming Events

The Brookline Bird Club still has available space on their pelagic bird trip from Provincetown, October 25 (or in case of bad weather, October 26). For details contact Herman D'Entremont, 28 Ballard Street, Newton 02159, 969-8146.

The Massachusetts Audubon Society's Annual Meeting will be held at the New England Aquarium, Boston, on Saturday, November 15, 1975, from 6:30-11 P.M. Tickets are \$5.50 for members or \$6.50 for non-members, available from the Society at South Great Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773.

BIRD OBSERVER regrets that our excellent typist, Ethel Pearson, can no longer type our species-record summaries because of other commitments. Ethel has been an invaluable member of the staff from the beginning. She has faithfully and meticulously recorded and typed the minutes of staff meetings as well as the summary observations each month.

If any of our readers have access to an IBM Selectric or any other electric typewriter and would be willing to help us, please call or write to Paula Butler, 722 Pleasant Street, Belmont, 02173, 484-2148.

NEWS ITEM

Tanks gain access  
to warblers' area

Grayling, Mich. (UPI) - The Michigan National Guard has won permission to encroach on the nests of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler.

The State Department of Natural Resources Wednesday agreed to reopen 1,000 acres of the National Guard Tank Range at Camp Grayling that had been closed in deference to the warblers.

But tank training in the area will still be sharply curtailed.

The Kirtland's Warbler is a rare species that nests twice each year, once in early summer and again in late July.

Experts say only 334 of the birds exist and about 45 pairs have chosen the Camp Grayling site as their favorite nesting spot.

Under the agreement worked out with the National Guard, tanks will be permitted to use nine miles of boundary roads and another eight miles of roads and trails within the area.

If further military access is needed in the closed area, the state will assist in the location of siting of roads to avoid disturbance to nesting warblers.

"I am convinced this compromise represents the best course in protecting the nesting birds while, at the same time, allowing the fullest possible military use of the area," Howard A. Tanner, director of the department, said.

Grayling businessmen have protested the tank ban because it has deprived them of an estimated million dollars worth of summer business.