

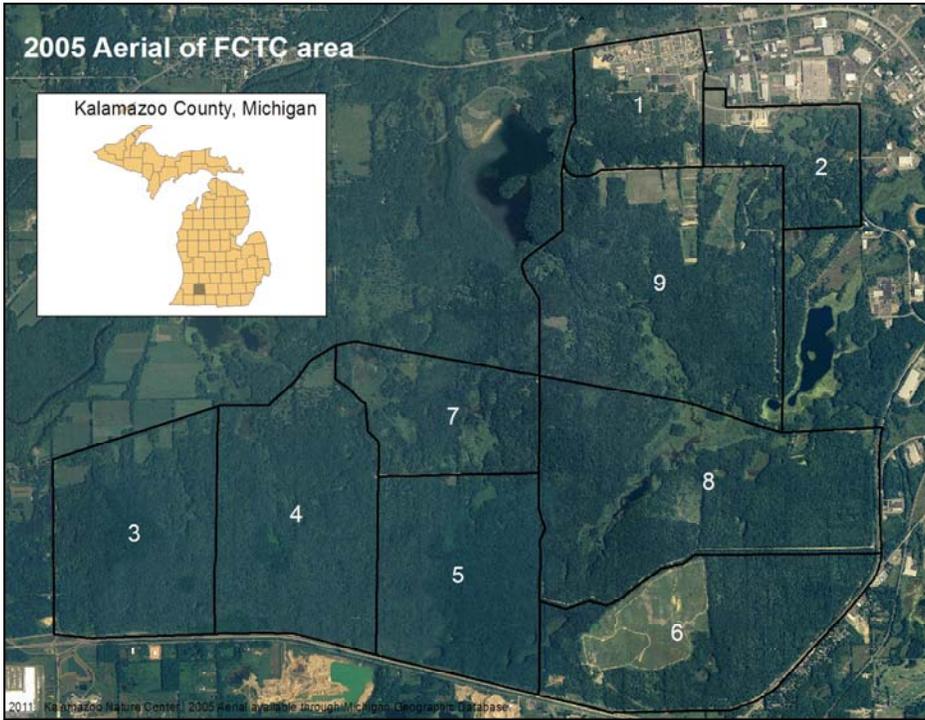
A Decade of Cerulean Warbler Research at FCTC

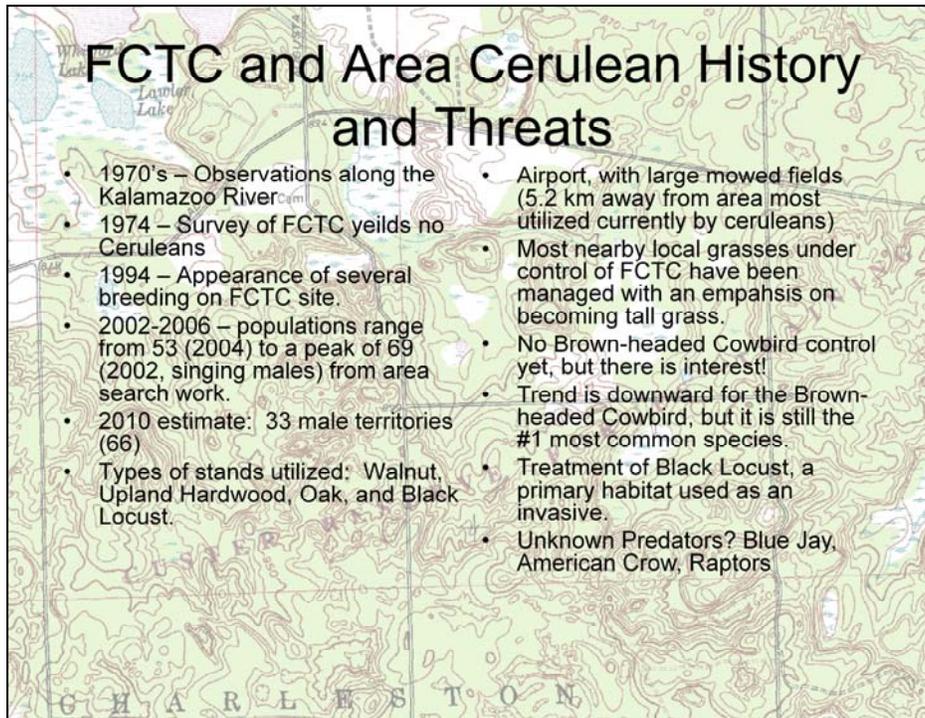
Population History
Color Banding and re-sights
Habitat Preference and Use
Landscape History

Kalamazoo Nature Center (1997-2010 studies)

- *Jennifer Baldy (2007-2010)
- John Brenneman (2002-2010)
- Torrey Wenger (2007-2010)
- Ramond J. Adams (1997-2007)
- Mark E. Miller (1997-2008)

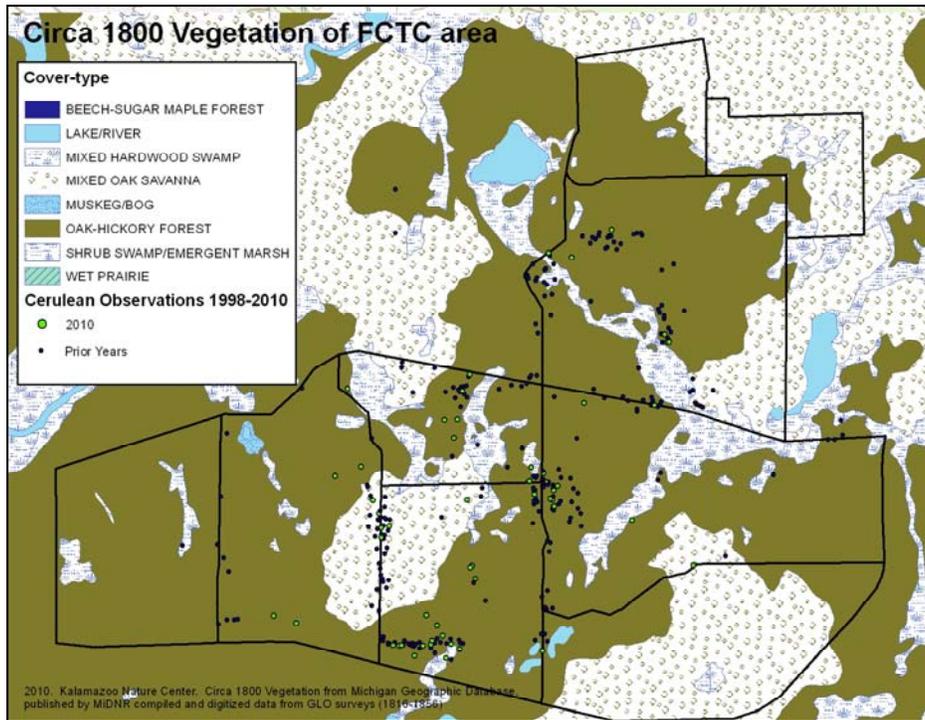
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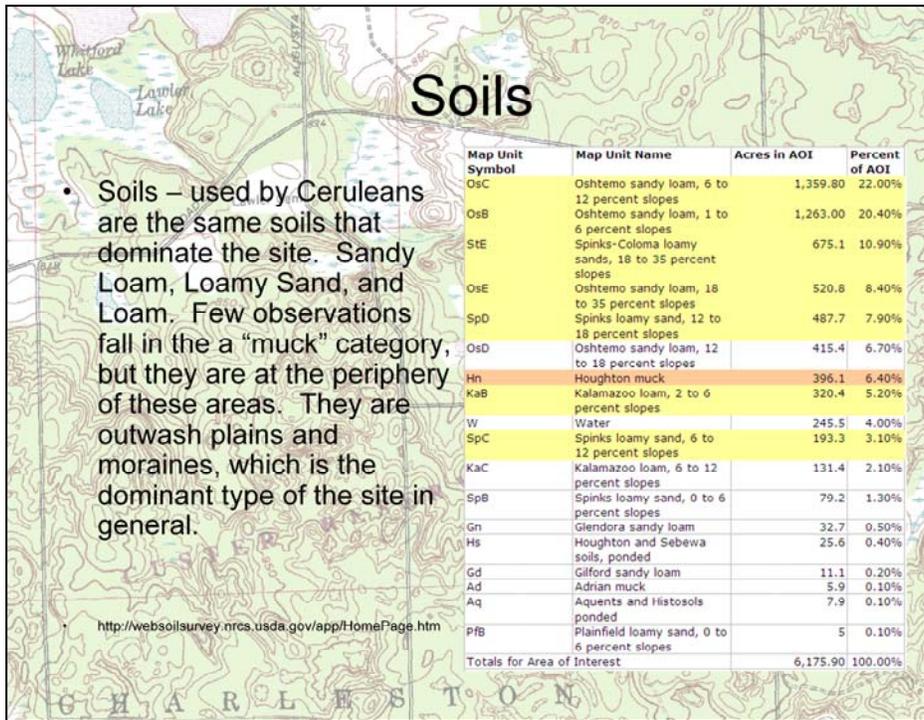


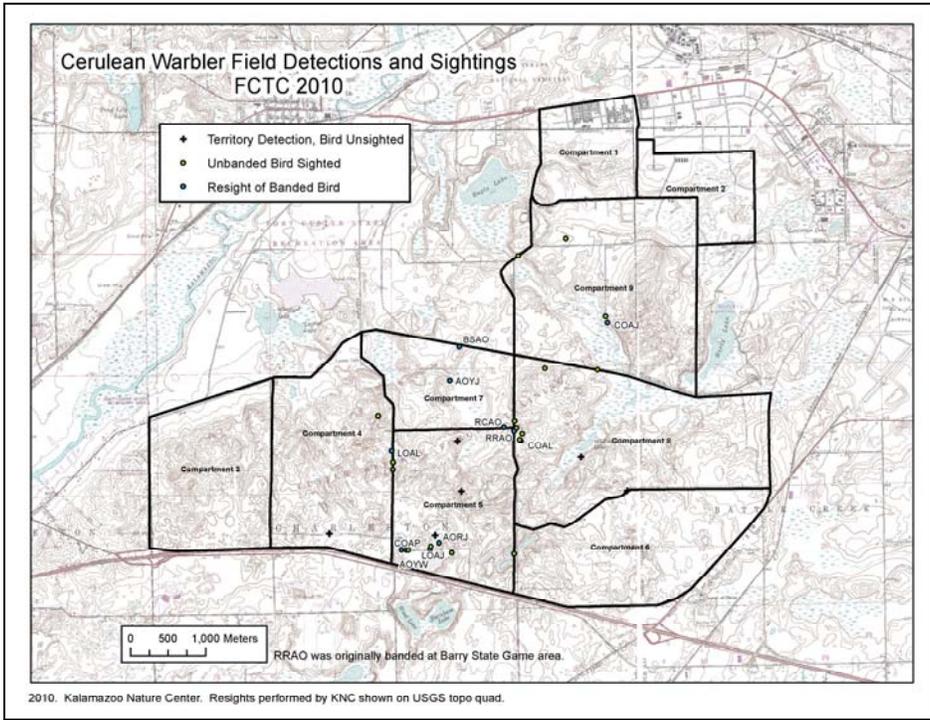
Circa 1800, Oak-Hickory Forest was the second most common forest type. This forest type grew on sandy and loamy moraine edges. Species list: white oak, black oak, red oak, pignut hickory, also to lesser extent: white ash, red maple, tulip tree, black cherry, American beech, Shagbark Hickory. This type was primarily converted to farm land (supported by 1946 photo, also true of FCTC Area) Problems with regeneration include a conversion to Beech/Maple (These species are more shade tolerant and cover the forest floor) Fire resistant Oak forest was believed to have been maintained using low intensity wild-fires (a practice that has only recently returned to management practices)

The second primary vegetation type, mixed Oak Savanna was also heavily dependent on fire. These areas should have richer soils, and would not return to savannah without the influence of fire.

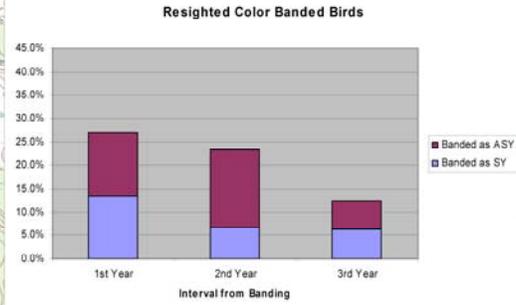


Most observations were originally Oak-Hickory Forest, sharing a boundary with mixed oak savannah, the boundary between these two types probably varied with the fire regime.

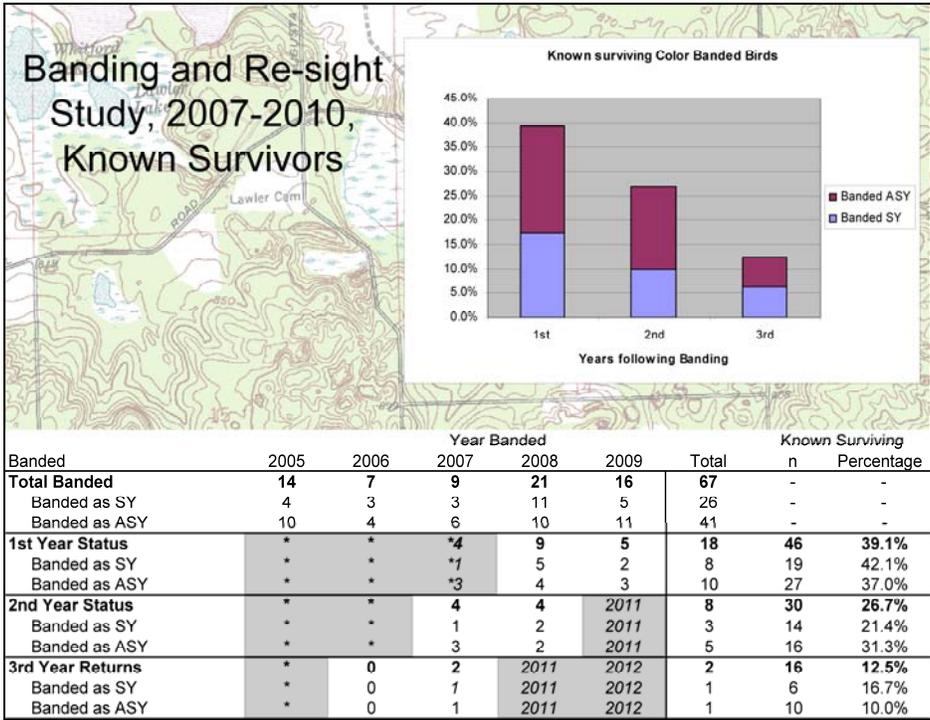




Banding and Re-sight Study, 2007-2010 Site Returns

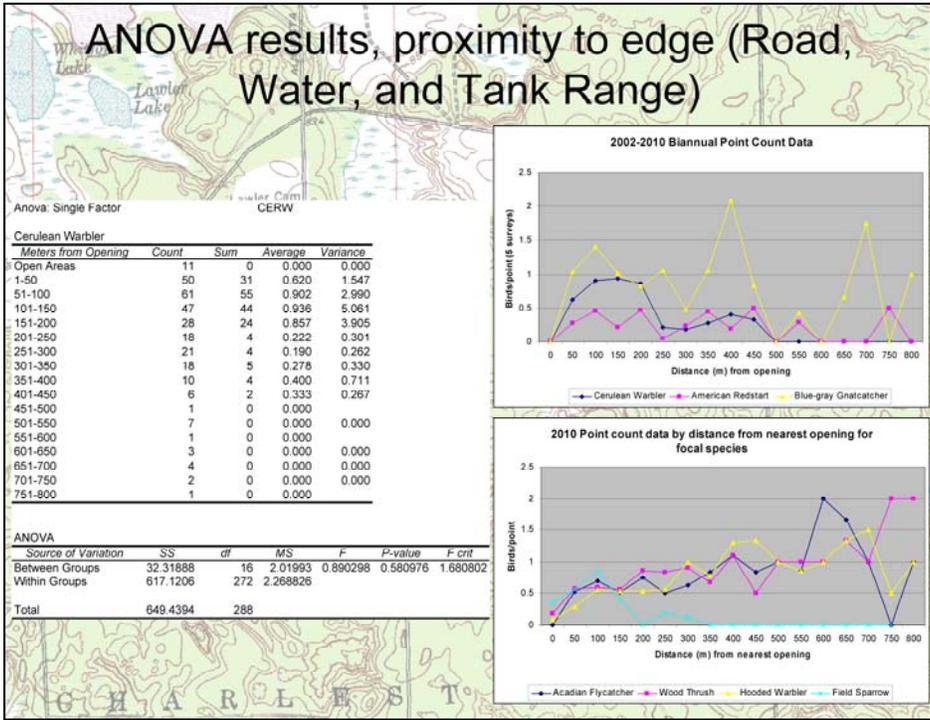


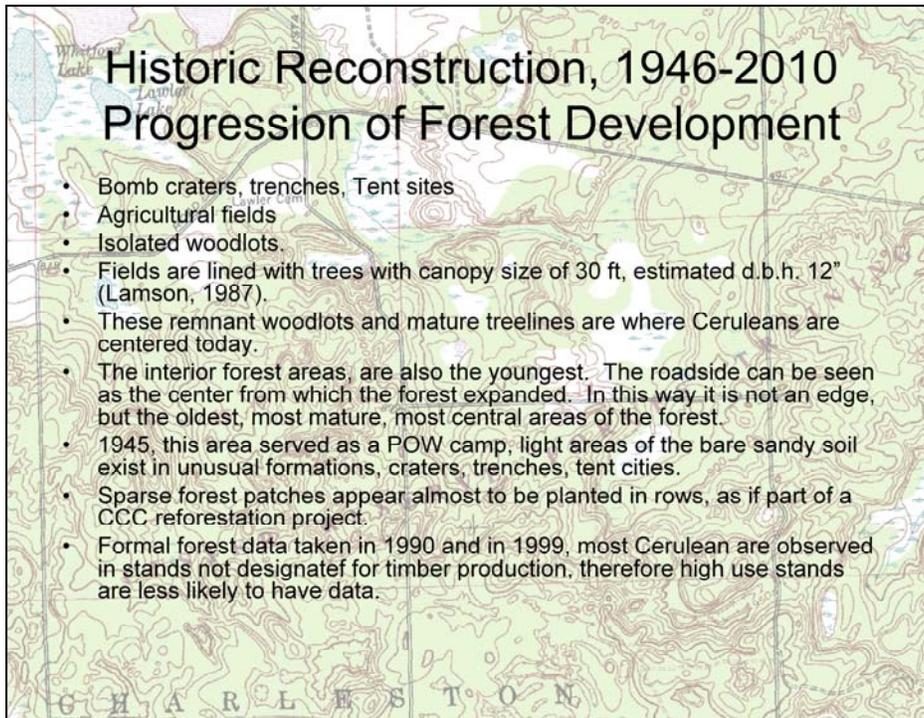
Banded	Year Banded					Total	n	Re-sight Percentage
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009			
Total Banded each year	14	7	9	21	16	67	-	-
Banded as SY	4	3	3	11	5	26	-	-
Banded as ASY	10	4	6	10	11	41	-	-
1st Year Following Banding	*	*	*	5	5	10	37	27.0%
Banded as SY	*	*	*	3	2	5	16	31.3%
Banded as ASY	*	*	*	2	3	5	21	23.8%
2nd Year Following Banding	*	*	3	4	2011	7	30	23.3%
Banded as SY	*	*	0	2	2011	2	14	14.3%
Banded as ASY	*	*	3	2	2011	5	16	31.3%
3rd Year Following Banding	*	0	2	2011	2012	2	16	12.5%
Banded as SY	*	0	1	2011	2012	1	6	16.7%
Banded as ASY	*	0	1	2011	2012	1	10	10.0%





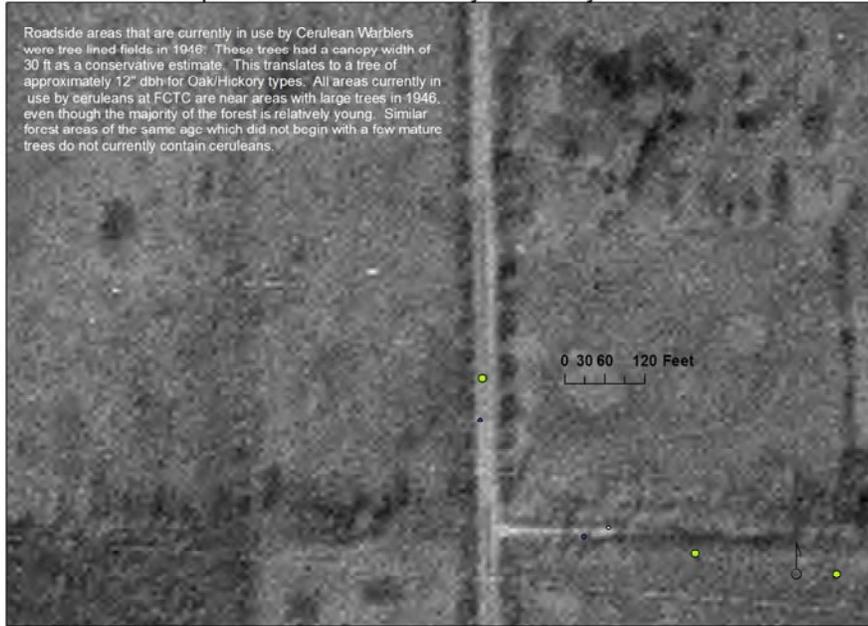
ANOVA results, proximity to edge (Road, Water, and Tank Range)



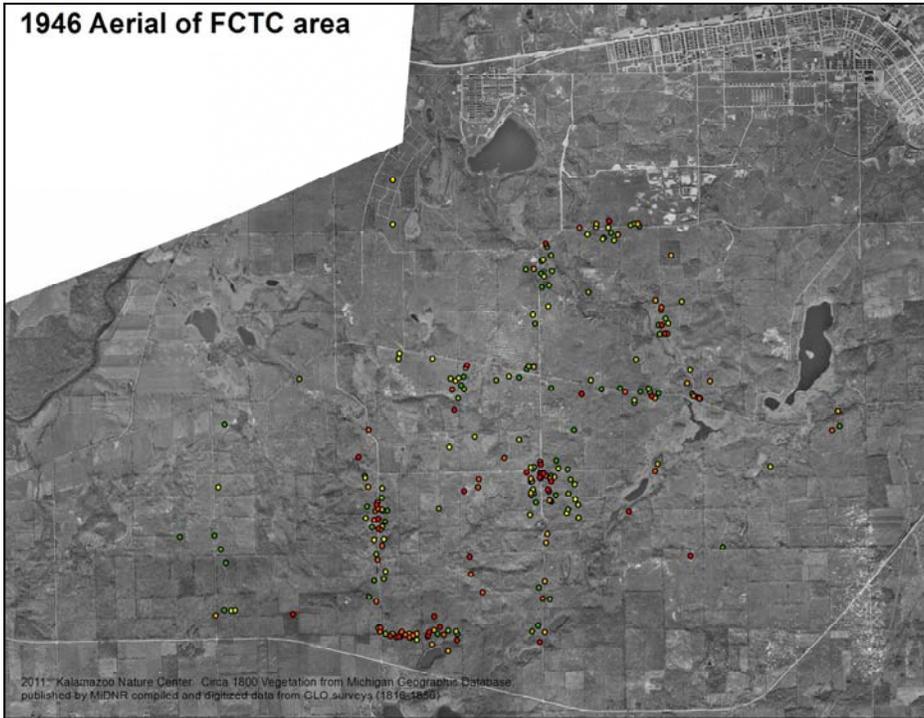


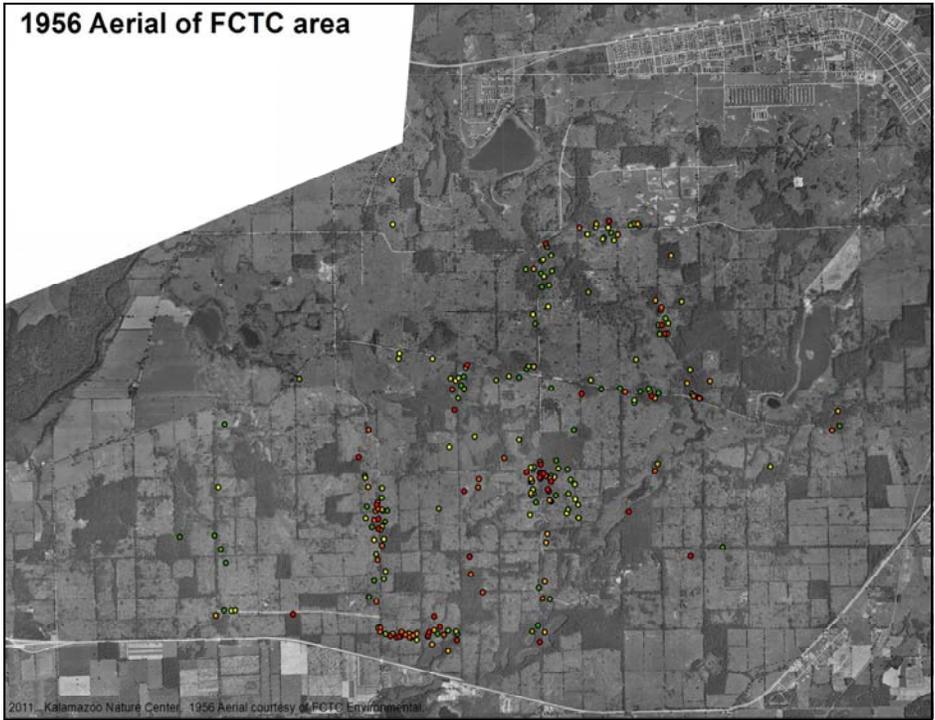
1946 Orthophoto in areas currently in use by Cerulean Warblers

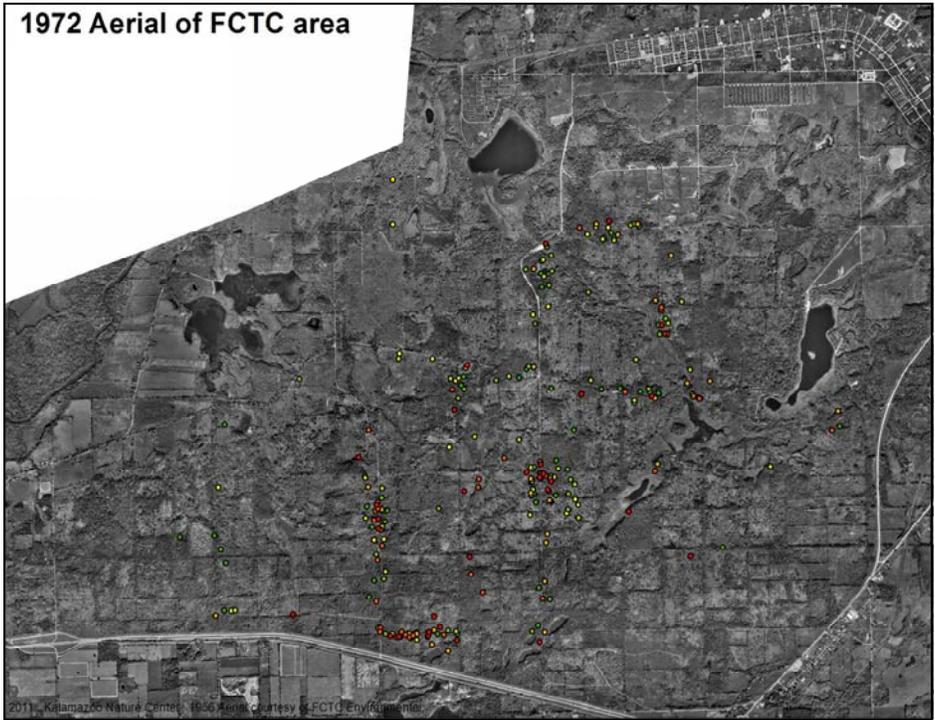
Roadside areas that are currently in use by Cerulean Warblers were tree lined fields in 1946. These trees had a canopy width of 30 ft as a conservative estimate. This translates to a tree of approximately 12" dbh for Oak/Hickory types. All areas currently in use by ceruleans at FCTC are near areas with large trees in 1946, even though the majority of the forest is relatively young. Similar forest areas of the same age which did not begin with a few mature trees do not currently contain ceruleans.



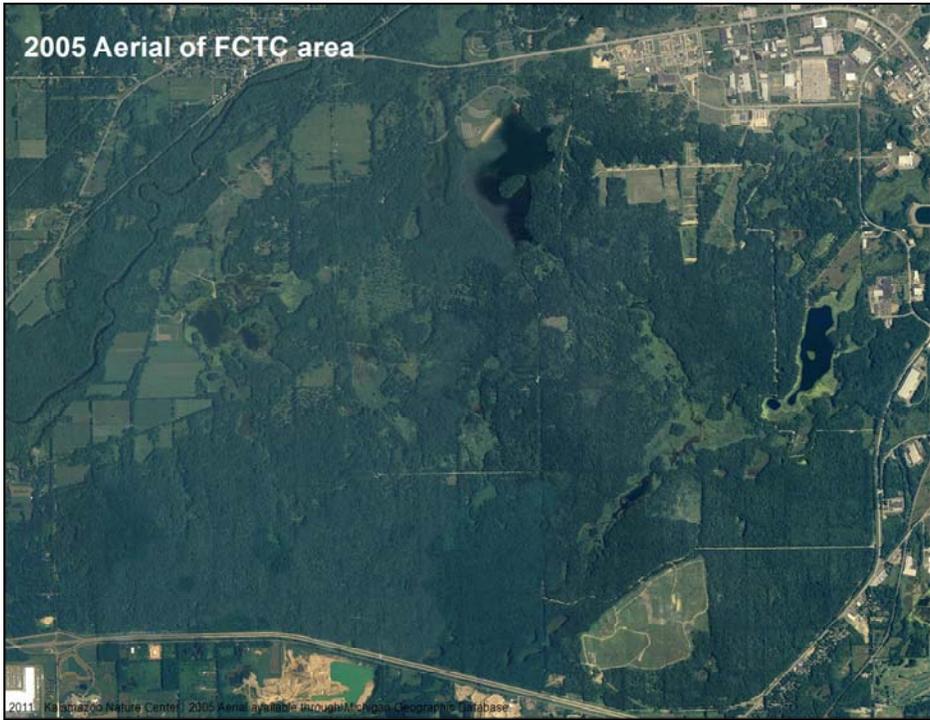
2011, Kalamazoo Nature Center. Cerulean Location determined by GPS with 1946 Orthophotography available from Michigan Geographic Data Library.

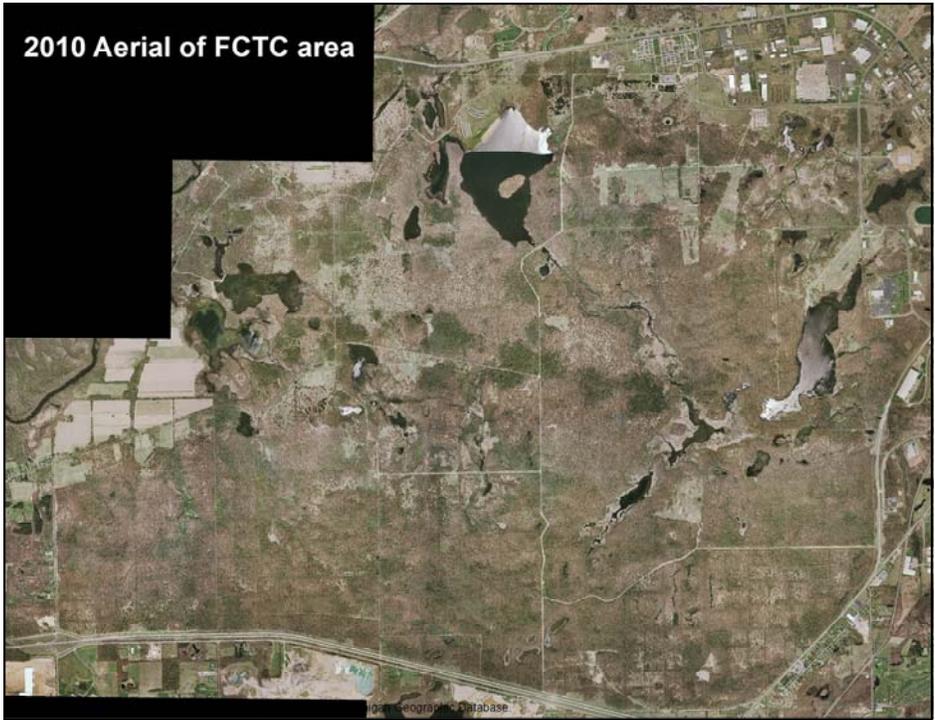


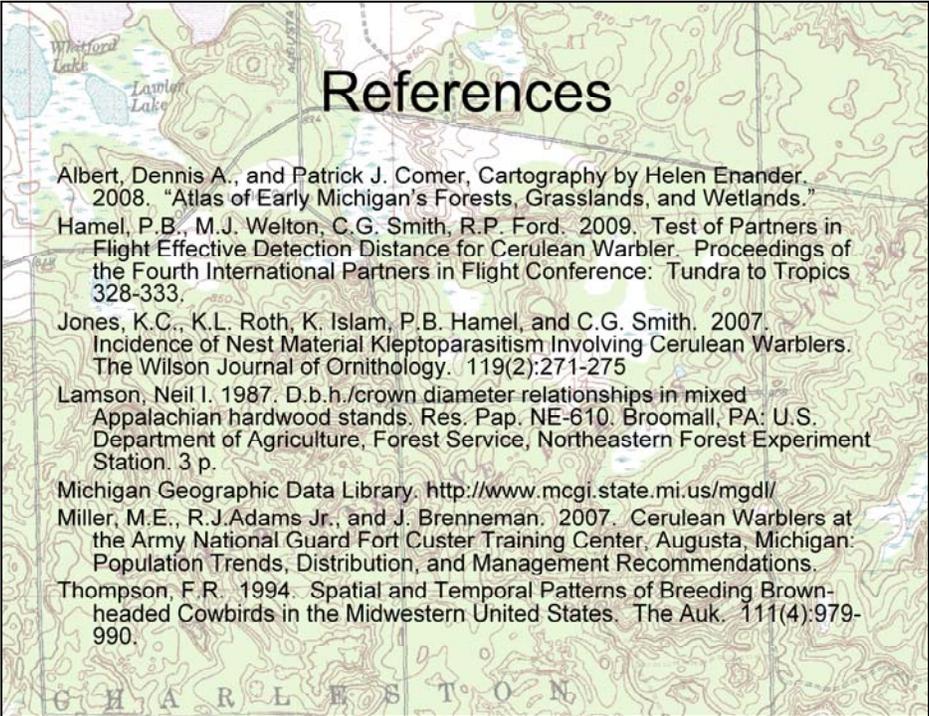












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- Radio-tagging
- Forest history reconstruction
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