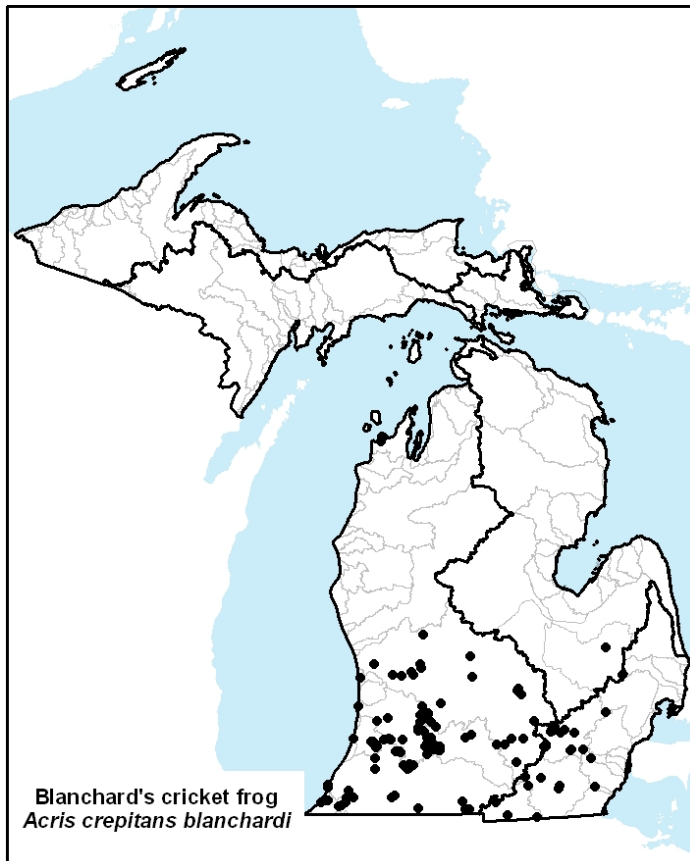


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Blanchard's cricket frog (*Acris crepitans blanchardi*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: State listed as special concern; abundance is unknown.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: *aquatic:* ponds; small lakes; medium lakes; headwaters & small tributaries; medium rivers; gradient: slow; bog; soft substrates; vegetation; woody structure; *terrestrial:* prairie; idle/old field; pasture; bog; inland emergent wetland; fen; ephemeral wetland; pond; inland lake; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; coastal emergent wetland

ASSOCIATED THREATS: unknown; conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; grazing & mowing patterns; altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/residential/recreational development; invasive plants & animals; pesticides & herbicides; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution; wetland modifications

COMMENTS: Research is needed to determine relationships between this species and vegetation succession; climate fluctuations; drought; competition with other frogs; and contaminated wetlands. Population status needs to be determined. Relative severity of listed threats is not well known and other currently unknown threats may exist for this species; a threats assessment is needed for this species.