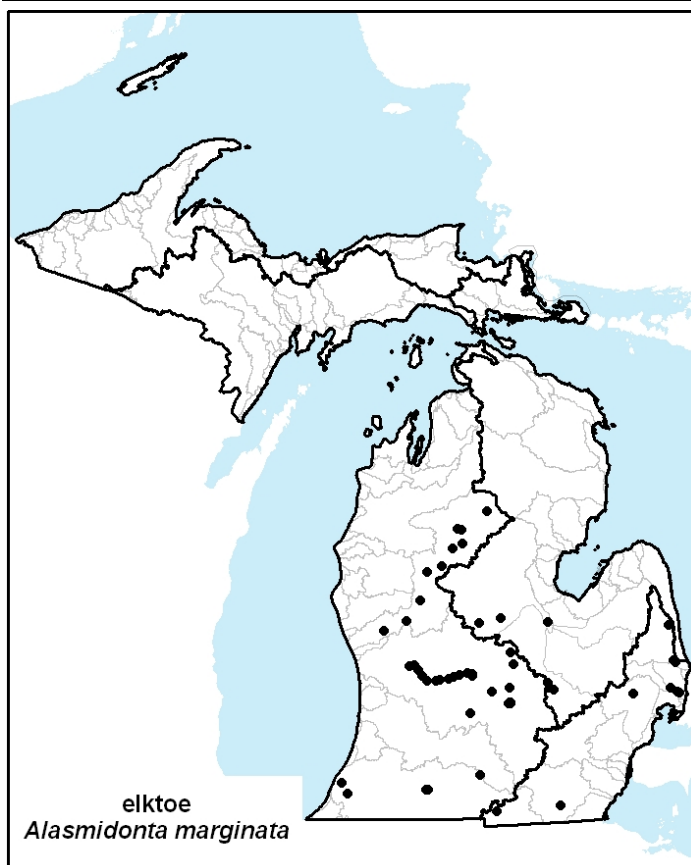


# MUSSELS



## elktoe

(*Alasmidonta marginata*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** State-listed as special concern. This species is found throughout the Lower Peninsula. Abundance is unknown.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** medium rivers; large rivers; rock substrates; soft substrates; turbid water; clear water

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** altered hydrologic regimes; altered sediment loads; dams; dredging & channelization; fragmentation; invasive plants & animals; pesticides & herbicides

**COMMENTS:** This species can be difficult to sample for because of its burying habits. Sampling may be most efficient at the beginning of the dry season. Population status needs to be determined.