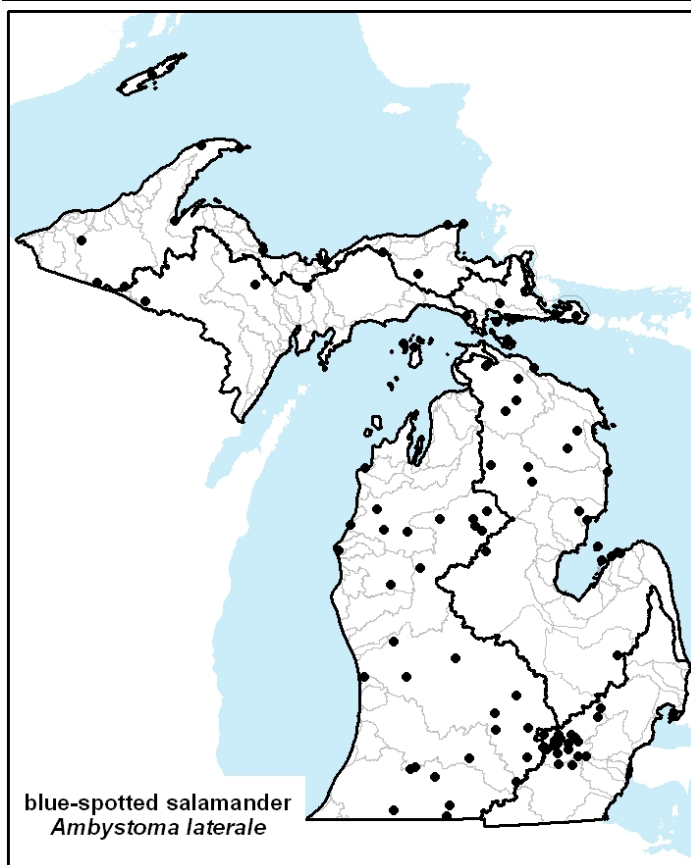


AMPHIBIANS



blue-spotted salamander (*Ambystoma laterale*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Unknown.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: *aquatic:* ponds; bog; ephemeral wetland; swamp; vegetation; woody structure; *terrestrial:* prairie; idle/old field; hayland; pasture; right-of-way; savanna; lowland shrub; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; dry conifer; forest opening; bog; inland emergent wetland; ephemeral wetland; swamp; pond; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; Great Lakes island; suburban/small town; late successional forest; down woody debris

ASSOCIATED THREATS: invasive plants & animals; other biological interactions (potential hybridization problems); riparian modifications; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution; conversion to agriculture lands; dredging & channelization; fragmentation; altered hydrologic regimes; incompatible natural resource mgmt; industrial/residential/recreational development; lack of scientific knowledge; forestry practices; pesticides & herbicides; removal of wildlife; wetland modifications

COMMENTS: Distribution and population status need to be determined. Hybridization and genetic complexity issues.