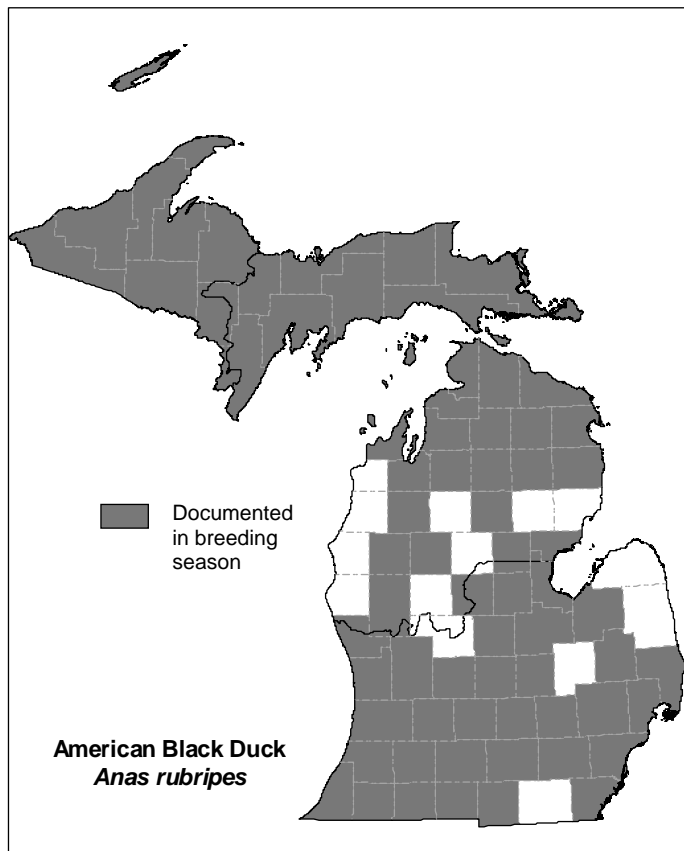


BIRDS



American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The annual statewide breeding waterfowl survey indicates a declining trend in abundance, however current estimates of populations show that American Black Duck are above the long term average.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; row crop; lowland shrub; lowland hardwood; bog; inland emergent wetland; submergent wetland; fen; ephemeral wetland; swamp; pond; inland lake; inland island; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; coastal emergent wetland; snag/cavity

ASSOCIATED THREATS: fragmentation; altered hydrologic regimes; incompatible natural resource mgmt; invasive plants & animals; removal of wildlife; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution; wetland modifications

COMMENTS: Though habitat loss or modification are likely responsible in large part for declining numbers, American Black Ducks may compete with or hybridize with Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), and they remain a popular game species.