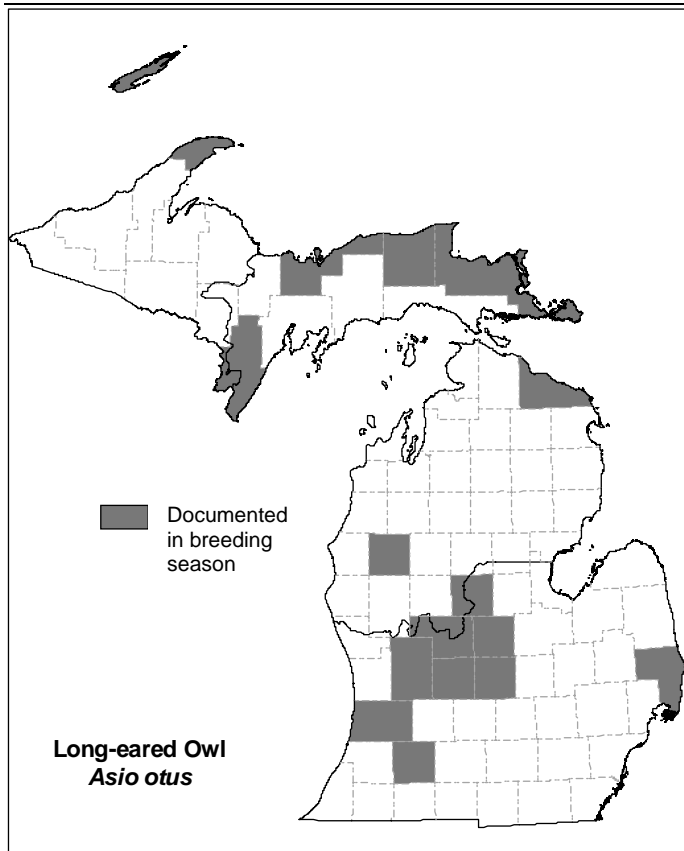


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Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The Long-eared Owl is uncommon statewide with local breeding in the western half of the Southern Lower Peninsula, southern half of the Northern Lower Peninsula, and scattered records throughout the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The Long-eared Owl is listed as a threatened species in Michigan.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: lowland shrub; upland shrub; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; forest opening

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; industrial/residential/recreational development; other biological interactions (competition with Great Horned Owl); pesticides & herbicides; removal of wildlife; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution