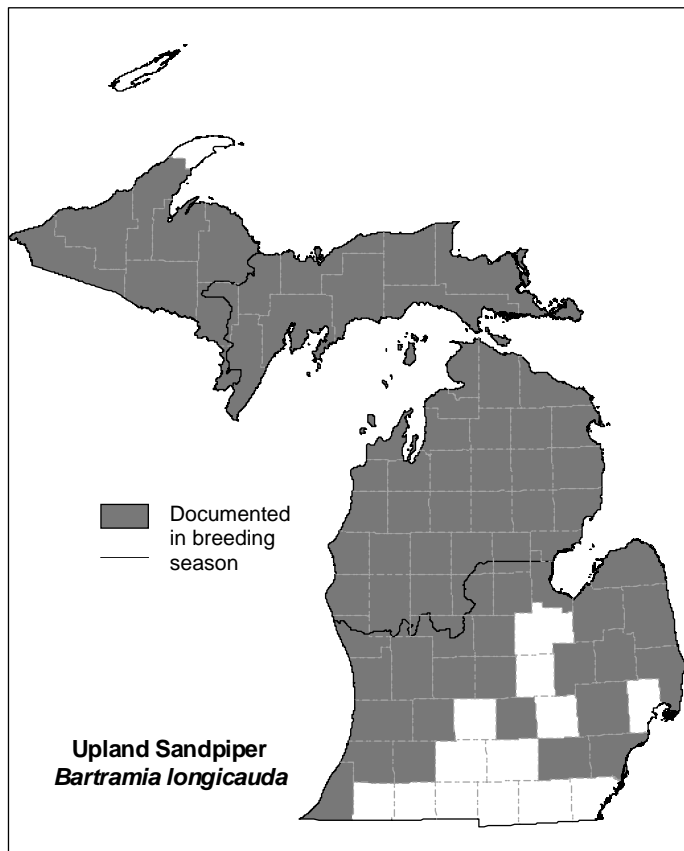


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Upland Sandpiper (*Bartramia longicauda*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The abundance of Upland Sandpipers has tracked trends in the amount of available grassland within the state. Populations increased with settlement in the mid-1800s until market hunting dramatically reduced their numbers. After passage of the Migratory Bird Convention Act of 1916, this hunting was stopped and populations started to increase in the 1930s. Development and succession are currently reducing grassland habitat, and the Upland Sandpiper is likely to face reduced numbers again.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; idle/old field; hayland; pasture; row crop; savanna; dry conifer; forest opening; bog; ephemeral wetland; suburban/small town; other (perches (fenceposts, etc.)); large contiguous natural landscape

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; fragmentation; grazing & mowing patterns; industrial/residential/recreational development; other biological interactions (predation)