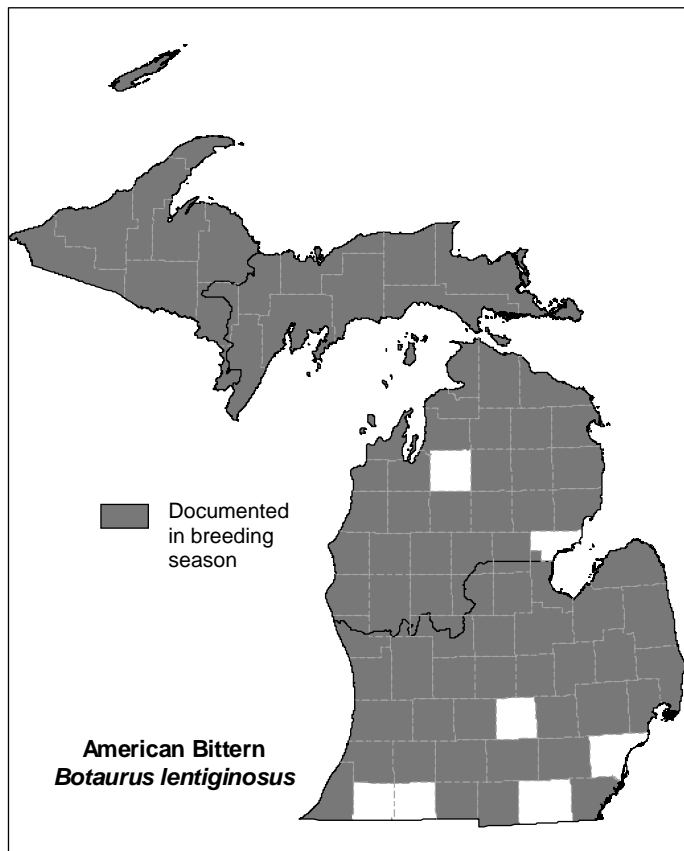


BIRDS



American Bittern

(*Botaurus lentiginosus*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The American Bittern is currently listed as a species of special concern in Michigan but may be locally common, especially in the Upper Peninsula.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; hayland; lowland shrub; bog; inland emergent wetland; ephemeral wetland; swamp; pond; inland lake; coastal emergent wetland

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; disease, pathogens, & parasites; altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/residential/recreational development; non-consumptive recreation; pesticides & herbicides; wetland modifications

COMMENTS: Reducing the encroachment of woody vegetation into herbaceous wetlands is key to maintaining suitable habitat.