

BIRDS



Green Heron

(*Butorides virescens*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The Green Heron is common in the Southern Lower Peninsula, somewhat less common in the Northern Lower Peninsula, and locally observed in the Western Upper Peninsula where habitat is available. Populations appear to be higher than early in the 20th century, but they also appear to be in decline.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: lowland shrub; lowland hardwood; dry conifer; submergent wetland; ephemeral wetland; swamp; pond; inland lake; edge; down woody debris

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; disease, pathogens, & parasites; fragmentation; altered hydrologic regimes; incompatible natural resource mgmt; industrial/residential/recreational development; invasive plants & animals; forestry practices; non-consumptive recreation; removal of wildlife; scientific research; wetland modifications