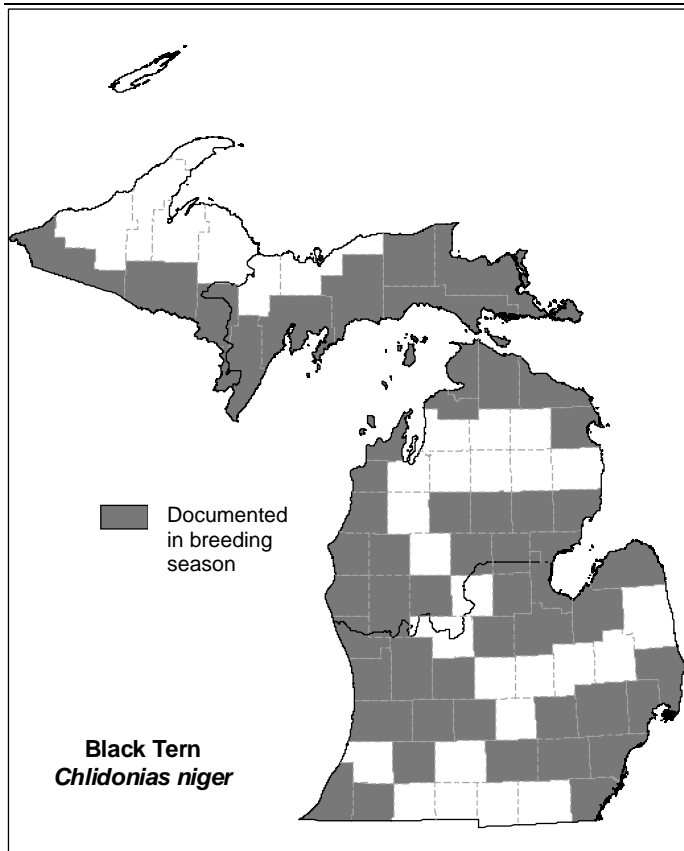


BIRDS



Black Tern

(*Chlidonias niger*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Listed as a species of special concern, colonies of Black Terns may be locally common along the shorelines of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron and a few large inland lakes. They are infrequently seen in inland areas, and their numbers have declined as wetlands have been drained and filled in the Lower Peninsula.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: inland emergent wetland; submergent wetland; ephemeral wetland; pond; inland lake; inland island; coastal emergent wetland; Great Lakes island; large contiguous natural landscape

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; dams; disease, pathogens, & parasites; dredging & channelization; industrial/residential/recreational development; invasive plants & animals; non-consumptive recreation; other biological interactions (possible competition from mute swans; predation of nests and young); scientific research; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution; wetland modifications