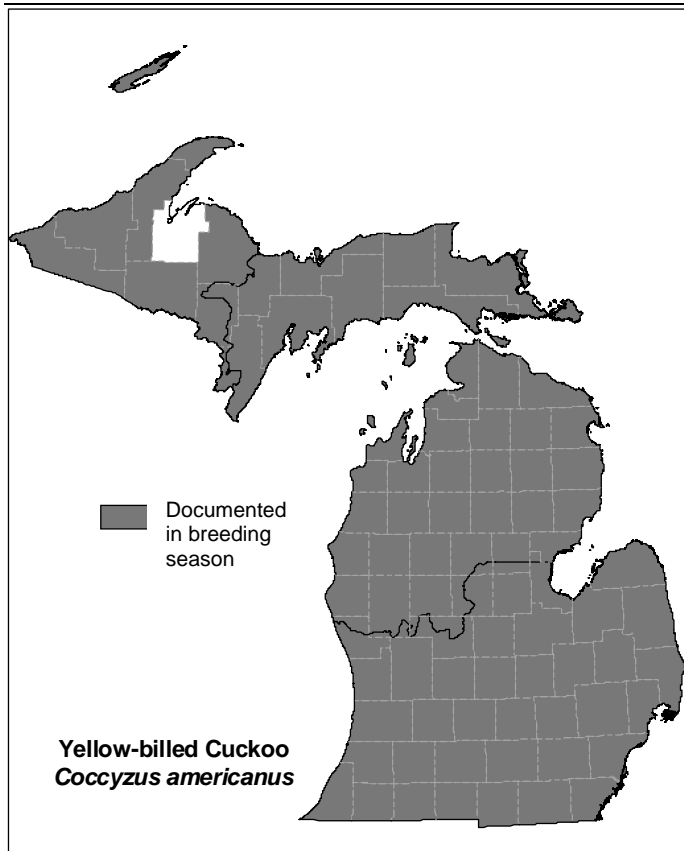


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Yellow-billed Cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Yellow-billed Cuckoo were probably less abundant prior to the settlement of Michigan and clearing of the forests. They are common within the Southern Lower Peninsula and rarer in the Northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula. A downward population trend is evident from BBS data.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: idle/old field; savanna; orchard; lowland shrub; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood

ASSOCIATED THREATS: fragmentation; altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/residential/recreational development; other biological interactions (predation of adult and nests/young by raptors, other birds, snakes, and mammals); pesticides & herbicides; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution

COMMENTS: Fragmentation of riparian habitat likely influences most of the threats to the Yellow-billed Cuckoo.