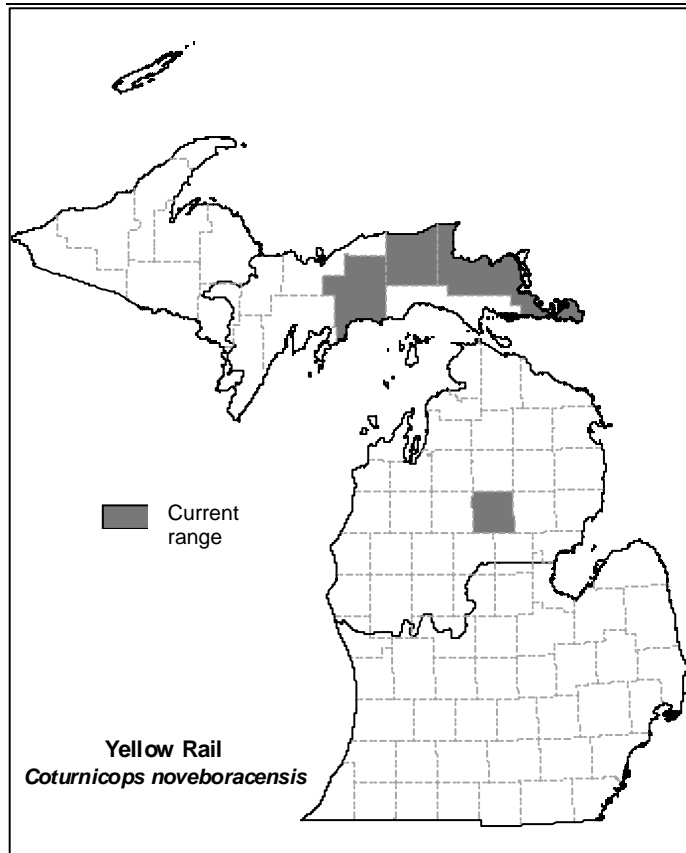


BIRDS



Yellow Rail

(*Coturnicops noveboracensis*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Designated as a threatened species, the southern edge of the Yellow Rail's breeding range occurs in the Upper Peninsula. They are uncommon and have primarily been observed in the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: hayland; bog; inland emergent wetland; fen; ephemeral wetland

ASSOCIATED THREATS: disease, pathogens, & parasites; altered fire regime; altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/residential/recreational development; other biological interactions (invasion of purple loosestrife; mammal, bird, and herp predators); wetland modifications

COMMENTS: Little survey data exists to be able to accurately assess current or historic abundance. This is a secretive bird which nests in habitats which are not frequently censused. Encroachment of woody vegetation on breeding sites is probably the most significant threat to Yellow Rails.