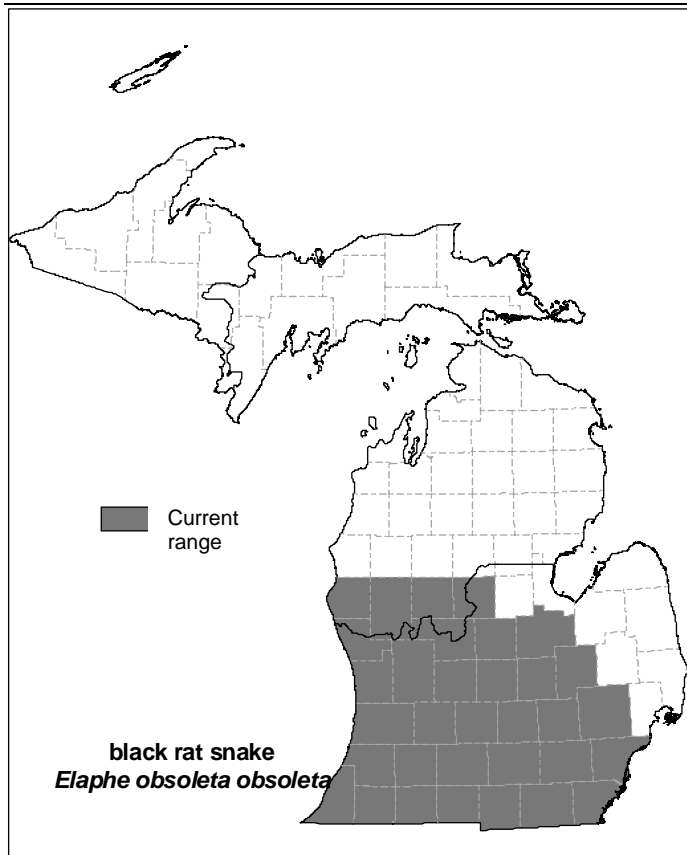


REPTILES



black rat snake

(*Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: State listed as special concern. Abundance is unknown.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; idle/old field; hayland; pasture; fence row; savanna; lowland shrub; upland shrub; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; dry conifer; forest opening; bog; inland emergent wetland; ephemeral wetland; swamp; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; edge; inland rock/cliff/ledge; urban; down woody debris

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; fragmentation; industrial/residential/recreational development; forestry practices; removal of wildlife; social attitudes

COMMENTS: Population status needs to be determined. This species may also be known by the names *Elaphe obsoleta*, *Pantherophis obsoleta*, *Elphae spiloides*, and *Pantherophis spiloides*.