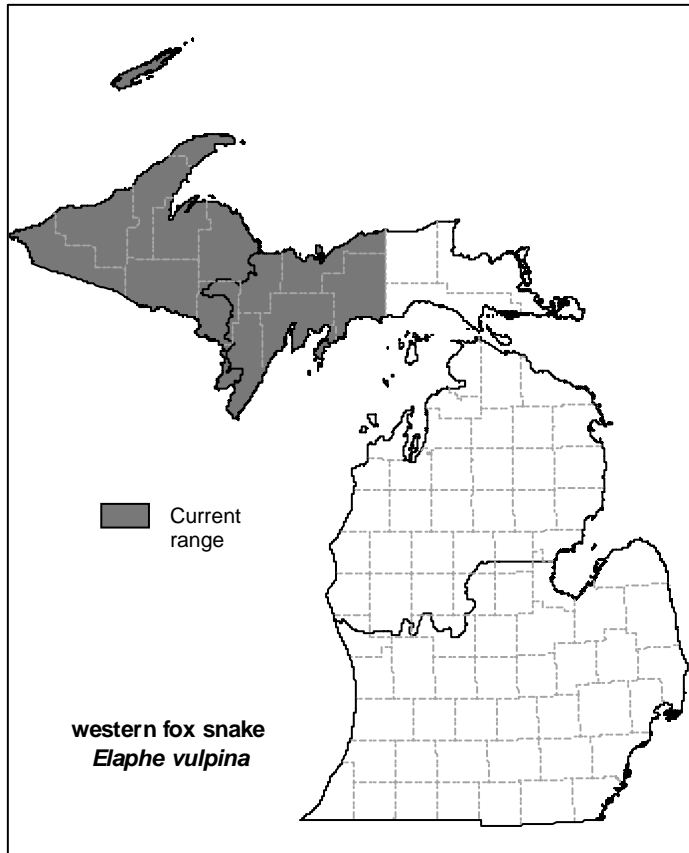


REPTILES



western fox snake (*Elaphe vulpina*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Found in the Western Upper Peninsula only; abundance unknown.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; idle/old field; hayland; pasture; fence row; savanna; orchard; lowland shrub; upland shrub; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; dry conifer; pond; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; coastal dune/beach; edge; inland rock/cliff/ledge; suburban/small town; down woody debris

ASSOCIATED THREATS: fragmentation; removal of wildlife; social attitudes

COMMENTS: Distribution and population status need to be determined. Can persist in agricultural areas as long as edges and shrubby fence rows remain. Often mistaken for poisonous snake due to its habit of tail-buzzing. This species may also be known by the name *Elphae vulpina*.