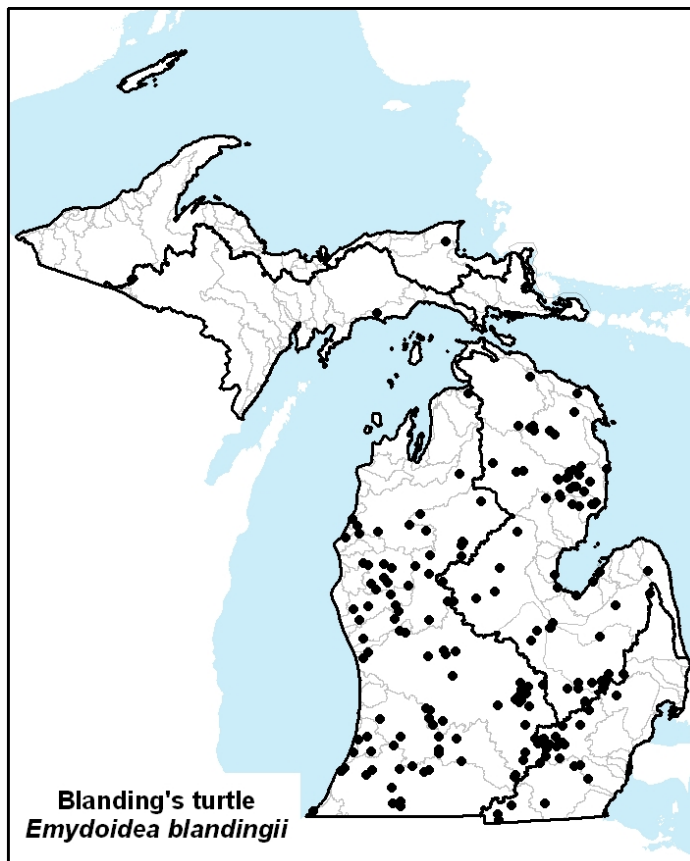


# REPTILES



## Blanding's turtle

(*Emydoidea blandingii*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** State listed as special concern. Occurs throughout the Lower Peninsula and is very rare in the Upper Peninsula. Abundance is unknown.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** *aquatic:* ponds; medium lakes; trophic status: eutrophic; headwaters & small tributaries; medium rivers; gradient: slow; inland emergent wetland; swamp; soft substrates; vegetation; woody structure; *terrestrial:* prairie; idle/old field; hayland; pasture; row crop; savanna; upland shrub; forest opening; bog; inland emergent wetland; submergent wetland; fen; ephemeral wetland; swamp; pond; inland lake; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; coastal emergent wetland; suburban/small town; other

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** removal of wildlife; social attitudes; dams; dredging & channelization; fragmentation; altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/residential/recreational development; invasive plants & animals; pesticides & herbicides; wetland modifications

**COMMENTS:** Population status needs to be determined. This species may also be known by the name *Emys blandingii*.