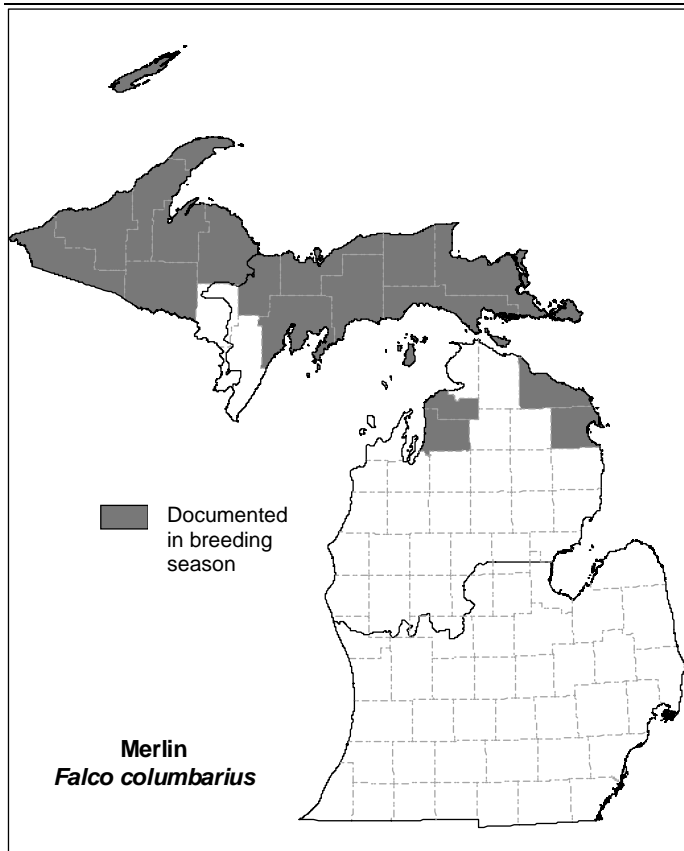


# BIRDS



## Merlin

(*Falco columbarius*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** Listed as threatened in Michigan, the southern edge of the Merlin's range includes the Upper Peninsula and parts of the Northern Lower Peninsula. Small pockets of breeding birds may be found in the Upper Peninsula along the shore of Lake Superior and on Isle Royale; elsewhere merlins are rare or absent.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** savanna; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; dry conifer; forest opening; edge; inland rock/cliff/ledge; suburban/small town; snag/cavity

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** conversion to agriculture lands; industrial/residential/recreational development; pesticides & herbicides

**COMMENTS:** Habitat loss and pesticide use on the Merlin's wintering grounds in Central and South America may be significant.