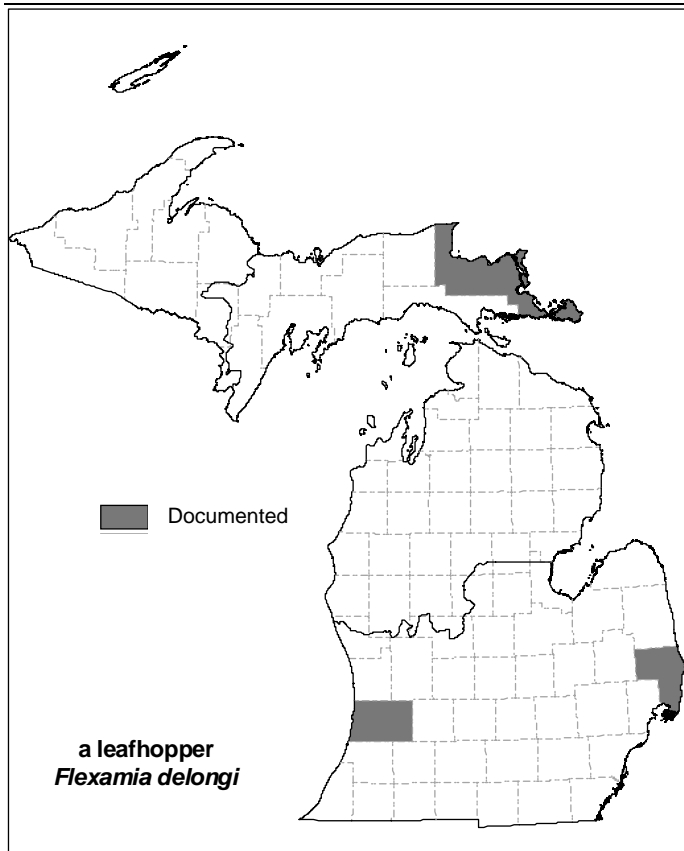


INSECTS



a leafhopper

(*Flexamia delongi*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: State listed as special concern, this species is extremely rare in Michigan and may be critically imperiled. Its range-wide status is currently undetermined.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; alvar/rock

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; fragmentation; altered hydrologic regimes; incompatible natural resource mgmt; industrial/residential/recreational development; invasive plants & animals; lack of scientific knowledge; non-consumptive recreation; wetland modifications

COMMENTS: Need surveys to assess abundance and distribution; need basic life history information; need to identify threats. ORV and foot traffic should be redirected around occupied areas. Prescribed fire is an important management tool, but care should be taken to ensure that occupied areas are only partially burned.