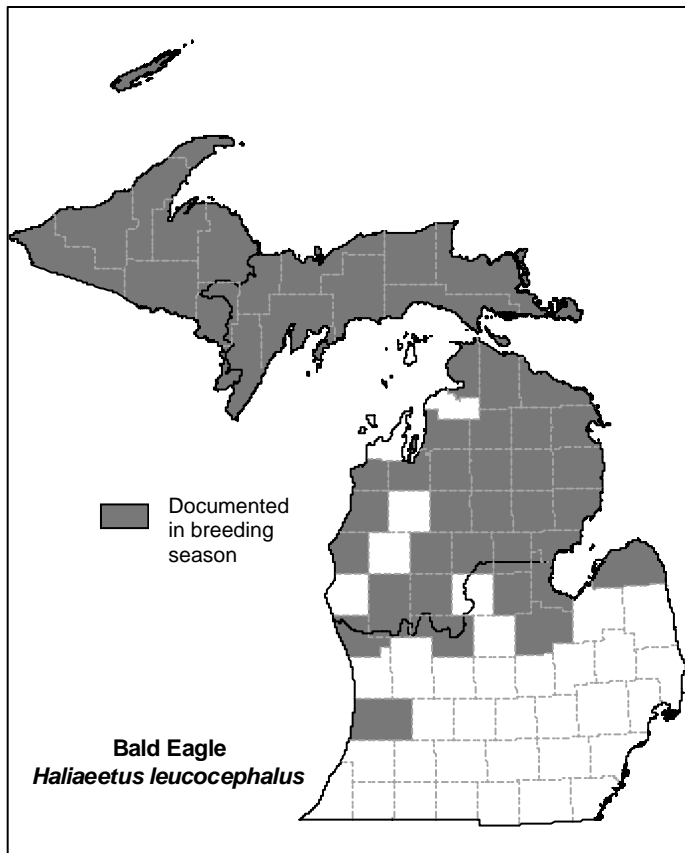


BIRDS



Bald Eagle

(*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: In the presettlement history of Michigan, Bald Eagles were probably found statewide, though not in great numbers. By the middle of the 20th century, human disturbance and reduced reproduction due to pesticide use had reduced numbers significantly. From lows of under 100 breeding pairs, concerted management efforts resulted in almost 350 breeding pairs by the end of the 20th century. The Bald Eagle is listed as a threatened species in Michigan and federally.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; lowland conifer; mesic conifer; dry conifer; pond; inland lake; inland island; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; Great Lakes offshore; Great Lakes nearshore; coastal dune/beach; Great Lakes island; inland rock/cliff/ledge; large contiguous natural landscape; late successional forest

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; dams; disease, pathogens, & parasites; dredging & channelization; fragmentation; altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/residential/recreational development; forestry practices; military maneuvers; non-consumptive recreation; pesticides & herbicides; scientific research; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution

COMMENTS: Pesticides and heavy metals may continue to pose significant risks. Scavenging along roadsides may make these birds vulnerable to collisions.