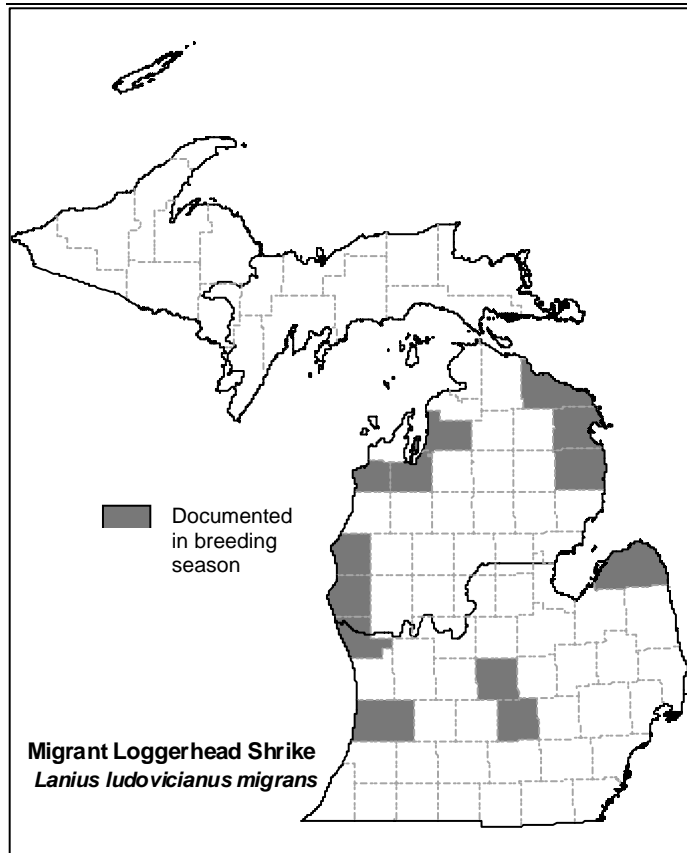


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## Migrant Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus migrans*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** Listed as endangered in Michigan, the Migrant Loggerhead Shrike is currently documented primarily from areas near the Great Lakes rather than the interior of the State. Shrike numbers declined through the 1960s and 1970s, possibly in response to the use of pesticides. Recent counts of breeding birds resulted in only one or two pairs being located annually during the 1980s.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** pasture; row crop; right-of-way; fence row; savanna; orchard; upland shrub; mesic hardwood; other (perches (utility poles, etc.))

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; grazing & mowing patterns; incompatible natural resource mgmt; industrial/residential/recreational development; lack of scientific knowledge; other biological interactions (competition on the wintering grounds); pesticides & herbicides

**COMMENTS:** This species was also known by the name *Lanius ludovicianus*. Education and partnerships with private landowners to maintain fencerows with brush and trees is a key strategy for this species.