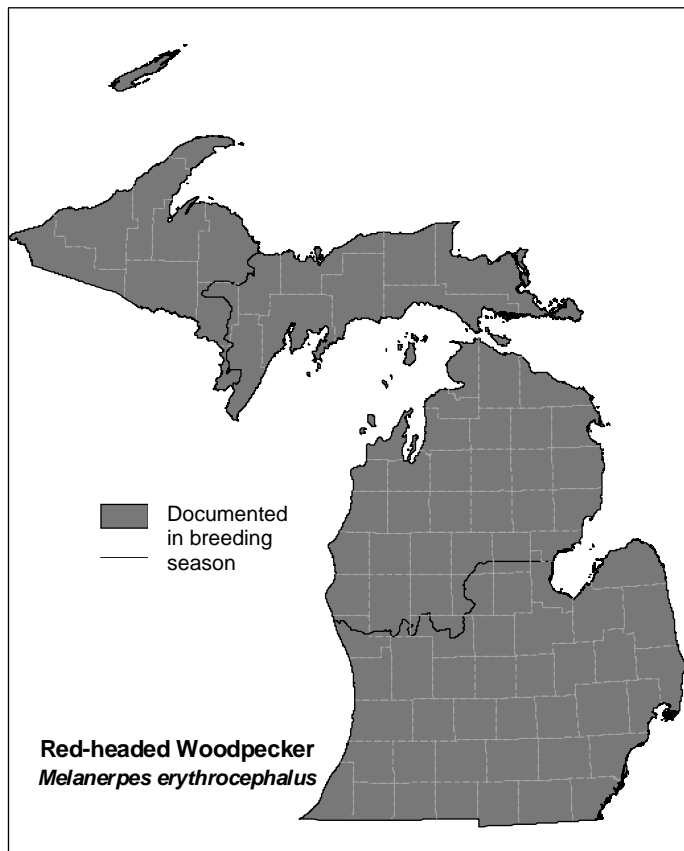


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## Red-headed Woodpecker

(*Melanerpes erythrocephalus*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** Red-headed Woodpeckers are fairly common in the Southern Lower Peninsula with lower densities in the Northern Lower Peninsula and scattered reports from the Upper Peninsula.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** prairie; idle/old field; row crop; savanna; lowland hardwood; mesic hardwood; dry hardwood; dry conifer; forest opening; swamp; river/stream/riparian/floodplain corridor; edge; snag/cavity; late successional forest; down woody debris

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; industrial/residential/recreational development; other biological interactions (competition with starlings for nest sites)

**COMMENTS:** Clean farming practices reduce the value of edge in and near agricultural features.