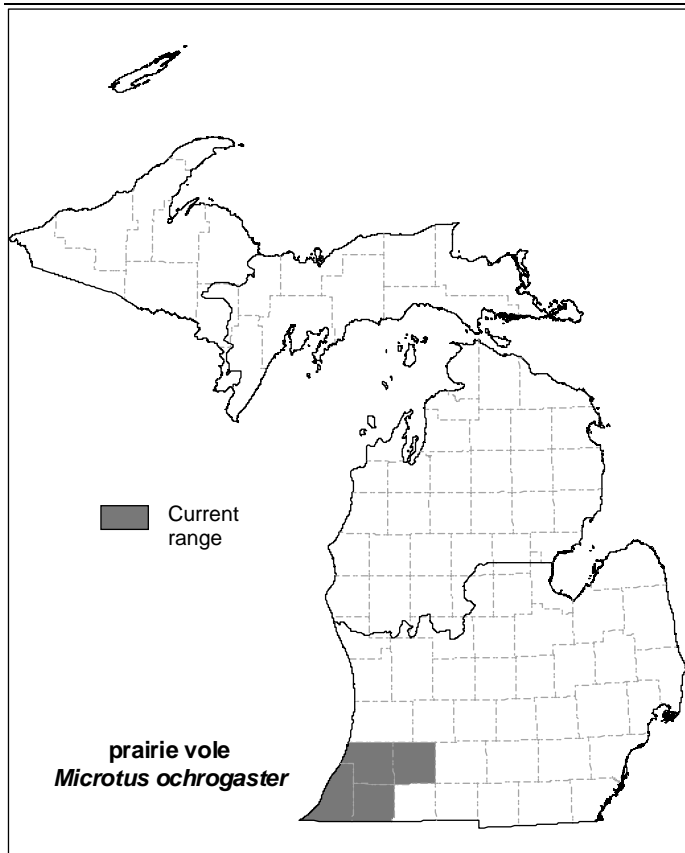


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prairie vole

(*Microtus ochrogaster*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Listed as endangered in Michigan, the prairie vole is restricted to the southwestern corner of the Southern Lower Peninsula. Its populations are poorly documented, but abundance may be somewhat common in suitable habitat.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; idle/old field; hayland; row crop; right-of-way; fence row; savanna; orchard; edge; other

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; grazing & mowing patterns; invasive plants & animals; pesticides & herbicides

COMMENTS: House cats (including feral cats) may pose a significant threat to this species.