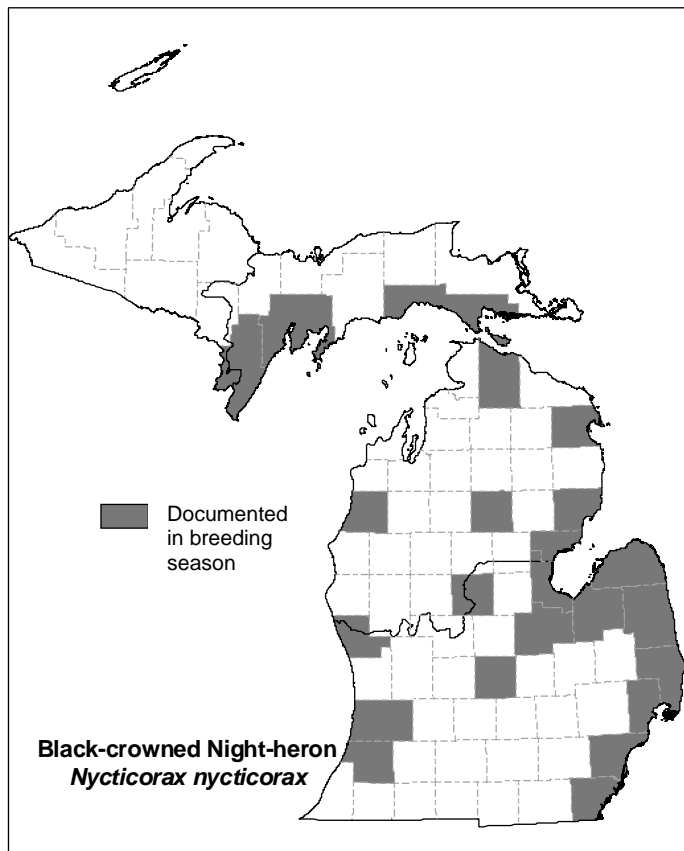


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Black-crowned Night-heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Currently listed as a species of special concern, the Black-crowned Night-heron may be found in scattered colonies, mostly along the Great Lakes shorelines and on Great Lakes islands. There have been significant declines in both colony size and abundance since the early 1900s.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: lowland shrub; inland emergent wetland; swamp; pond; inland lake; inland island; coastal emergent wetland; snag/cavity

ASSOCIATED THREATS: dams; disease, pathogens, & parasites; dredging & channelization; incompatible natural resource mgmt; industrial/residential/recreational development; invasive plants & animals; forestry practices; non-consumptive recreation; pesticides & herbicides; removal of wildlife; urban, municipal, and industrial pollution; wetland modifications

COMMENTS: Development and human disturbance may directly impact production.