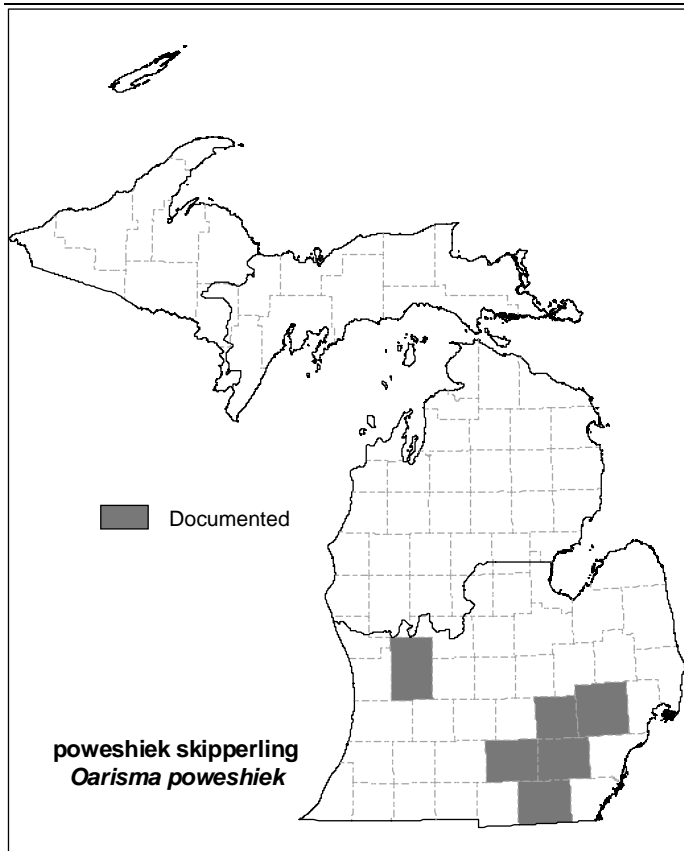


# INSECTS



## poweshiek skipperling (*Oarisma poweshiek*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** State listed as threatened. This species is very rare in the Southern Lower Peninsula and is considered imperiled or critically imperiled in Michigan. It is considered very rare to imperiled range-wide.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** prairie; lowland shrub; mesic conifer; forest opening; bog; fen; ephemeral wetland; inland lake

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; fragmentation; altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/residential/recreational development; lack of scientific knowledge; invasive plants and animals; other biological interactions (loss of host plant - *Eleocharis* spp.); pesticides & herbicides; wetland modifications

**COMMENTS:** Need surveys to assess abundance and distribution; need to assess threats. Protection and restoration efforts should consider the status of host plant populations, *Eleocharis* spp.