

BIRDS



Eastern Towhee

(*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The Eastern Towhee is common throughout much of the Lower Peninsula and is uncommon and local in the Upper Peninsula, primarily in the west.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: idle/old field; savanna; lowland shrub; upland shrub; dry hardwood; dry conifer; forest opening; edge; late successional forest

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; altered fire regime; industrial/residential/recreational development; invasive plants & animals; other biological interactions (overgrazing by deer)

COMMENTS: Nest parasitism by Cowbirds (*Molothrus ater*) may be significant.