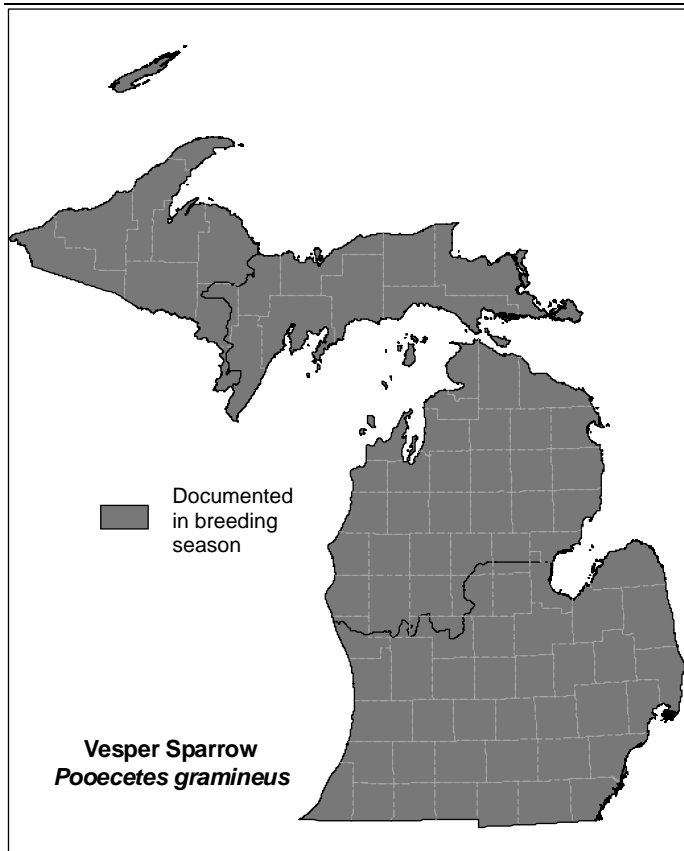


BIRDS



Vesper Sparrow

(*Pooecetes gramineus*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: The Vesper Sparrow is common statewide with higher densities in the Lower Peninsula than the Upper Peninsula. BBS data indicate a declining population trend.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: prairie; idle/old field; hayland; pasture; row crop; right-of-way; fence row; savanna; orchard; upland shrub; dry conifer; forest opening

ASSOCIATED THREATS: conversion to agriculture lands; grazing & mowing patterns; pesticides & herbicides

COMMENTS: Conversion of less intensively managed grassland to intensively managed agricultural crops reduces suitable nesting habitat.