

# BIRDS



## Purple Martin

(*Progne subis*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** The Purple Martin is more common in the Southern Lower Peninsula than elsewhere in the State but is displaying declines throughout Michigan.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** prairie; row crop; savanna; inland emergent wetland; submergent wetland; pond; suburban/small town; snag/cavity; other (artificial martin houses)

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** invasive plants & animals; other biological interactions (highly dependent on humans to provide secure, weather-tight cavities)

**COMMENTS:** Competition for nesting sites with Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) and House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*), which may be very aggressive, reduce available habitat.