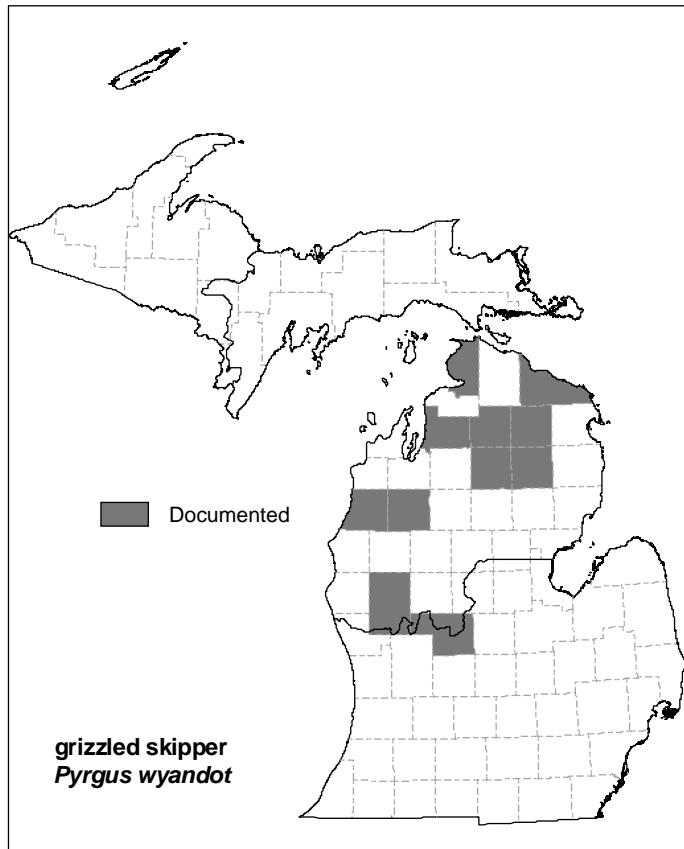


# INSECTS



## grizzled skipper (*Pyrgus wyandot*)

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE:** State listed as special concern. This skipper is rare in the Northern Lower Peninsula and is considered imperiled or critically imperiled in the State. Its global status is currently in question, but recent declines indicate that it may be critically imperiled globally as well.

**ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES:** idle/old field; right-of-way; savanna; lowland shrub; upland shrub; lowland conifer; forest opening; bog; fen; alvar/rock; edge

**ASSOCIATED THREATS:** altered fire regime; grazing & mowing patterns; incompatible natural resource mgmt; industrial/residential/recreational development; lack of scientific knowledge; pesticides & herbicides

**COMMENTS:** Need surveys to assess abundance and distribution; need to assess threats. Prescribed fire is an important management tool, but care should be taken to ensure occupied areas are only partially burned. A rangewide decline in this species is correlated with gypsy moth spraying. This species may also be known by the name *Pyrgus cantataureae wyandot*.