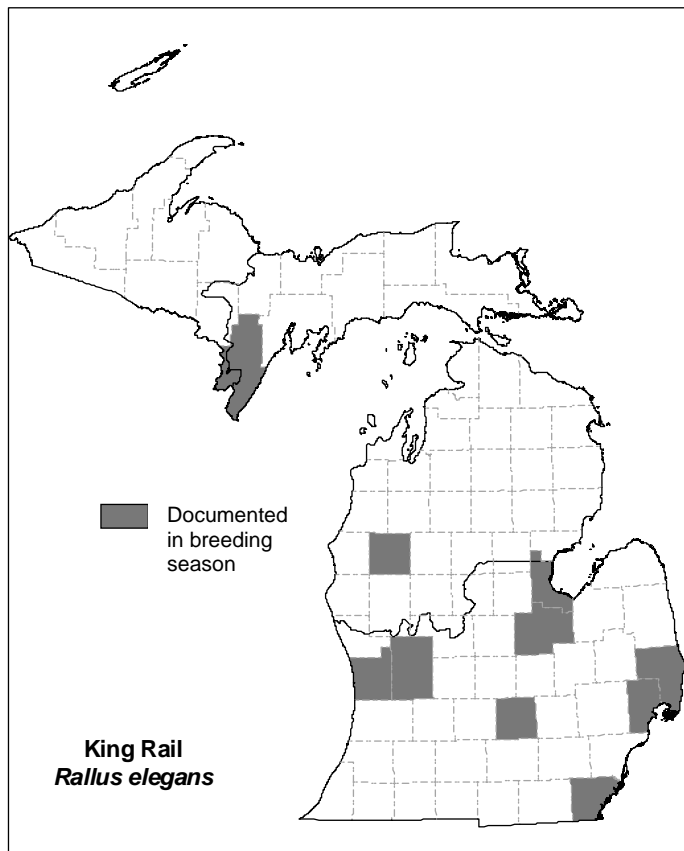


BIRDS



King Rail

(*Rallus elegans*)

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE: Listed as endangered in Michigan, the King Rail was once abundant in the marshes along the banks of Lake Erie. Declines are attributed to loss and degradation of cattail and sedge marshes.

ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPE FEATURES: lowland shrub; inland emergent wetland; coastal emergent wetland

ASSOCIATED THREATS: disease, pathogens, & parasites; altered hydrologic regimes; industrial/residential/recreational development; pesticides & herbicides; wetland modifications